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TO THE PUBLIC.

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OUTLINES.

Gov. Russell denies the statement of the War Department that North Carolina has not furnished its quota of troops called for by the President's proclamation. —— Four American warships silenced three forts and sunk a Spanish gunboat at Nipe, Cuba, without sustaining loss or damage. —— The letter addressed to Gen. Shafter by Gen. Garcia is said to have been prepared by a newspaper correspondent on the staff of Gen. Garcia. —— Four transports, with infantry and artillery for Gen Miles' expedition, left Tampa last evening. —— Gen. Miles with his expedition from Santiago is expected to reach his landing point at Porto Rico to-day. —— New York markets: Money on call steady at 1@1½ per cent.; last loan being at 1½ per cent.; cotton easy—middling uplands 6 1-16c; flour quiet and steady; wheat—spot firm, No. 2 red 85½c; corn—spot strong; No. 2 39½c; rosin steady; strained, common to good, $1 35@1 40; spirits turpentine firm at 27½@28c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., July 23.

Temperature: 8 A.M., 78 deg.; 8 P.M., 79 deg.; maximum, 84 deg.; minimum, 73 deg.; mean, 78 deg.

Rainfall for the day, .51; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 5.90 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, showers and thunder storms, southeasterly winds becoming variable.

COTTON REGION BULLETIN.

For the twenty-four hours ending at 8 A. M. yesterday:

High temperatures have continued over the cotton belt with showers in all but the Charleston and Galveston districts. Cloudy weather continues in the Atlantic coast districts. The following heavy precipitation, in inches, was reported: Atlanta, Ga., 1.12; Spartansburg, S. C., 1.95.

Port Almanac—July 24.

Sun Rises	5.00 A. M.
Sun Sets	7.11 P. M.
Day's Length	14 H. 53 M.
High Water at Southport	11.22 P. M.
High Water, Wilmington	1.52 A. M.

Commodore Watson is a Kentuckian, but notwithstanding he doesn't seem to be prejudiced against water.

The Spanish soldiers want to leave Santiago with "honor," and also with celerity. Spain is going to confer honors on Toral by court-martialing him.

Premier Sagasta says "It would be different if we had a navy." It would. And it would be different, also, if they had a reasonable amount of lead-mule sense.

A Pennsylvania paper says Dr. Swallow, the Prohibition candidate for Governor, "is on a still hunt." He had better be careful how this gets out among his supporters.

Passaic, N. J., was so hot the other day the Satan couldn't stand it. He was sunstruck. This wasn't the Tennessee Satan who proposes to help make it hot for the Spaniards.

Blanco now knows how it feels to be "incommunicando." His cable connections with Madrid are cut off, and if he wires any remarks they must be submitted to Gen. Shafter's blue pencil artist.

We got some ships added to our merchant marine by the annexation of Hawaii. Suppose while we are in the annexing mood we annex England. Then we would have a pretty respectable merchant marine.

The Spanish Government will oblige us very much if, as threatened, they will send Camara's fleet over here. We can thus get rid of it much quicker and cheaper, without going over on the other side to do it.

As a hint to the German Kaiser, showing how German-Americans, or American-Germans, (which would probably be more proper) feel, the German-Americans or American-Germans of New York propose to raise a fund to build a first-class battleship and present it to the Government.

Our fleets have been pumping some iron and steel into Cuba, but nothing in comparison to the junk shops the allied fleets left in Sebastopol. Picking up old shot and shell became an industry there. The government levied a tax of 6 per cent. on all such sales and from this source collected $75,000.

For the benefit of our friends, the enemy, they should know that while they are bragging about that sky-rocket which they can shoot from a row boat, and destroy a ship, a New York man has invented a sky-rocket which will go up 1,000 yards and dump a charge of dynamite on the fellows under it. They can't get ahead of us on sky-rockets.

We are told that "the first gun fired by Commodore Watson's squadron in European waters would be the death-knell of the Monroe Doctrine." Death-knell fiddlesticks. How about those guns at Manila? Did they knock the spots out of the Mon. Doc.?

Captain Philip, of the Texas, isn't an adept in the use of cuss words. He has got along only as far as "By Crackey," and thinks he is doing pretty well then. But he's a cracker when it comes to throwing shot and shell.

The 10,000,000 rounds of ammunition and the 25,000 Mauser rifles which Gen. Shafter gobbled up in Santiago ought to do the business for Porto Rico.

Since the annexation of Hawaii, which includes ex-Queen Lil, what is to become of the annuity allowed her by the Hawaiian government?

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

S. W. Sanders—Hello!
Str. Wilmington—Schedule.
R. R. Love & Bro.—Grocers.
W. B. Cooper—Bagging and ties.
W. S. W.—Cancellation stamps.
Mercer & Evans—Boots and shoes.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—Male help.
H. J. Bierman—House for rent.
H. J. Bierman—Cow peas for sale.
Comet Star—Excursion to Newbern.

LOCAL DOTS.

— A case tried before 'Squire Bunting yesterday for disorderly conduct was dismissed.

— Pastor Kramer, of Brooklyn Baptist Church, will preach a special sermon to men at 8.15 to-night.

— Rev. A. P. Tyle has returned to the city and will preach at Grace Church as usual to-day and night.

— During the past week there were eight births in Wilmington, all colored. Of the four deaths one was white and three colored.

— The telegraph line to Carolina Beach has been completed but will likely not be used, as the signal station has been abandoned.

— 'Squire McGowan yesterday tried Birdie Pope, colored, for disorderly conduct. Judgment was suspended on the payment of costs.

— Martha Green and Tom Myers, both colored, were adjudged to pay the costs in a case for disorderly conduct yesterday by Justice Bunting.

— Abraham Smith, colored, was adjudged guilty of disorderly conduct and made to pay the costs in the case by 'Squire Bunting yesterday.

— Mr. George Heide has secured a position as timekeeper in the A. C. L. motive power department and has moved his family here from Minneanapolis, Minn.

— Rev. W. L. Cunninggim has returned from attending the District Conference at Whiteville and will preach at Fifth Street M. E. Church at the usual hour to-day.

— James G. Blain, colored, says he has 82 men in readiness for the service of their country. He had them out for drill Thursday night and intends to drill them regularly.

— The last instalment of guns carried away from here by the Wilmington Light Infantry has been received and the company has the same equipments as before the war.

— It is expected that Messrs. Henry Maultsby, J. T. Yates and H. L. Patterson, of the Wilmington Fire Department will go to Goldsboro Monday night to attend the sessions of the N. C. Fireman's Association which convenes there Tuesday.

— The score of the A. C. L. Shops and Wilmington Iron Works ball team yesterday afternoon was 26 to 6 in favor of the Coast Line boys. Genaust and Whitney were the A. C. L. battery and Smith and Zellers for the Iron Works.

— Rev. John E. White, of Raleigh, Secretary of Baptist Home and Foreign Missions, arrived in the city yesterday and will preach at the First Baptist Church this morning at 11 o'clock and to-night at 8.15. He is considered the most eloquent Baptist preacher in the State.

— News has been received here of the marriage of Miss Hellen. E. Bland, daughter of Mr. D. P. Bland to Mr. C. F. Moore at the home of the bride at Colly, N. C., July 14th. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. B. Harrell. The bride is an accomplished young lady and the groom is a prosperous farmer of Colly.

— Bicyclists who are interested in the races which it had been anticipated would be held on Ocean View beach this week say now that it will be impossible to have the races under two or three weeks. Tuesday afternoon was the time they had hoped to have them. The Carolina Cycle Club medals are to be re-awarded at the next meet.

ONE OF THE GAYEST.

The Past Week Notable for Many Delightful Social Functions.

THERE WERE MANY VISITORS

Festivities in the City and at the Seaside Resorts—Wound Up Last Night With an Old-fashioned Cake Walk at Seashore Hotel.

The past week has been one of the gayest that Wilmington social circles have experienced for quite awhile. There are many visitors both in the city and on Ocean View and Carolina beach and the week has been distinguished by several of the most delightful and elaborate social functions of the season, a great majority of which have been reported in previous issues of the STAR.

The week's festivities were inaugurated with the early morning watermelon feast at Seashore Hotel, Ocean View beach, between 12 and 1 A. M. Monday.

There on Tuesday night the Northrop cottage on Ocean View was the rendezvous for society folk, the occasion being a reception by Missess Lizzie and Emma Northrop. The many delightful features of this event are familiar to STAR readers. On the same night in this city, Capt. J. C. Smith, the genial captain of the steamer *Compton*, entertained a large company of people at the Y. M. C. A. Auditorum with a graphophone concert, using his improved horn, which was much appreciated for its real musical excellence.

On Wednesday night Carolina Beach was the principal attraction. The occasion was the weekly hop by Sedgeley Hall Club.

The complimentary reception by Miss Anita DeRosset, in honor of Miss Theodora Bryan Grimes, of Grimesland, was the Mecca for society folk Thursday night. And then on the following evening there was the trolley party by Miss Olive Armstrong, complimentary to her guests, Miss Mary Smith, of Spartanburg, and Miss Leita Phillips, of Tarboro. Atlantic Yacht Club house, on Ocean View Beach, was also the scene of a most pleasant function, the regular weekly club hop. Another enjoyable club event of much enjoyment was that by Hanover Seaside Club, Carolina Beach, Thursday night.

Last night Seashore Hotel was thronged with Wilmington's best people and a host of visitors, the occasion being an old-fashioned cake walk. As foreshadowed in the STAR, elaborate preparations had been made by the hotel management and the event was a big success. The contestants were as follows:

Miss Rosa Etheredge, Charlotte, with Mr. Josper Myers; Miss Corron, Concord, with Mr. Jno. Tate, Greensboro; Miss King, Charlotte, with Mr. A. Parsley; Miss Mary J. Bellamy, with Mr. Alex. Adrain; Miss Eliza Bellamy, with Mr. T. C. DeRosset; Miss May Tayloe, Washinoton, with Mr. Michael Schenck; Miss Lizzie Parsley, with Mr. Norwood Giles; Miss Margaret Pierce, with Mr. Jno. Gileos, New York; Mr. and Mrs. Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Hook, of Charlotte.

The prizes, two large and beautifully trimmed cakes, were won by Miss Rosa Etheredge, of Charlotte, with Mr. Gaston Myers, and Miss Eliza Bellamy with Mr. T. C. DeRosset. The judges were Messrs. D. T. Jordan, E. B. Springs, H. H. Murrell and Dr. R. J. Brevard.

Coming Events.

It is probable that the gaieties of the present week will be inaugurated with an elaborate supper and dance tomorrow night at Seashore Hotel. Reference was made to this event yesterday. The affair is to be by the young men, complimentary to the ladies in the city and on the beach. There will doubtless be a number of entertainments at private homes, but none have sufficiently developed to admit of publicity.

On Wednesday or Thursday evening Sedgeley Hall Club will probably give another of their delightful hops, and on Friday night Atlantic Club will, as usual, be gay with many dancers, and resonant with stirring music.

It is possible that Carolina Club will also give a hop some time during the week. There will also be several hops at the Seashore Hotel.

There are now more visitors on Ocean View beach than at any time before this season. Both the Seashore and Mrs. Mayo's Hotel are taxed to their utmost capacity, and many of the guests will spend some time. Altogether there is every indication that the present week will be the gayest this resort has experienced this season. Carolina beach is also well patronized and Capt. Harper of the *Wilmington*, and the clever conductors on the Wilmington Seacoast road to Ocean View beach are kept constantly busy handling the crowds.

For the Nantucket.

Lieut. W. M. Atkinson, of the U. S. S. *Nantucket*, who has been in the city since last Tuesday, will return to Port Royal to-morrow leaving here at 7.15 P. M. via the Atlantic Coast Line. He has secured seven new men for the *Nantucket*, three from Magnolia and one from Fayetteville. Several will go to Port Royal on their own responsibility without having enlisted with Lieut. Atkinson.

— The regular, *bona fide* mail circution of THE MORNING STAR is larger than the mail circulation of all other Wilmington Dailies combined.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Col. H. M. Drane, of Armour, is in the city.

— Governor Russell arrived in the city yesterday.

— Mr. H. G. Shepp, of Ashpole, was here yesterday.

— Miss Hattie Bellamy returned to the city yesterday.

— Mrs. J. L. Beard, of Winston, arrived in the city yesterday.

— Miss Mary Thomas, of Florence, is visiting Miss Corinne King.

— Mr. J. W. Stallings, of Wallace, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

— Miss May Pearce, of Wilson, arrived yesterday to visit Miss Emily Winstead.

— Mrs. T. B. Oldham returned yesterday from a visit to her sister at Castle Haynes.

— Mr. W. E. Stroud, a clever young gentleman of Florence, is in the city on a visit.

— Miss Eva Anderson, of Wilson, arrived in the city yesterday to visit Miss Ethel Barnes.

— Miss Mollie Watson, of Charlotte, arrived yesterday to visit her sister, Mrs. George Grant.

— Mr. Eugene Albea, the well-known travelling salesman, will spend some time at Carolina Beach.

— Miss Lizzie Snider, of Rocky Point, is the guest of Miss Camille Pennington, on Market street.

— Miss Carrie Myers left yesterday for Newbern where she will be the guest of Dr. Robert Jones and wife.

— A popular bicycle dealer of Baltimore, Md., who signs his name "little joe" Wiesenfeld, is at The Orton.

— Mr. W. H. Courtlander, of Cincinnati, is in the city, the guest of his mother, Mrs. Genaust, on North Fourth street.

— Messrs. N, J. Grower, J. E. Ford, J. C. Stowe and Joe Fulton, of Belmont, are spending Sunday in the city and on the beach.

— Mr. Oscar T. Smith, of Durham, was here yesterday and went down to Carolina Beach to spend Sunday with his wife.

— Misses Belle Gore and Lena Rodes have returned from a visit of several days at the Atlantic View Hotel on Wrightsville Sound.

— Editor L. A. Bethune and Mrs. Bethune, of Clinton, arrived in the city yesterday and will spend some time on Wrightsville Beach.

— Mrs. Celia Thompson, of Baltimore, arrived in the city yesterday accompanied by her children to visit her father, Mr. E. P. Covington.

— Rev. H. B. Anderson, of Southport, spent several hours in the city yesterday, returning home from the District Conference at Whiteville.

— Mr. Washington Biggs, of Cronly, who has been spending some time in the western part of the State, was a visitor to the city yesterday.

— Mr. Thomas W. Myers returned to the city yesterday from a very pleasant visit to relatives in Charleston and other points South.

— Mr. W. C. Timmons and wife, of Charlotte, and Misses Lydia and Addie Timmons, of Monroe, arrived in the city yesterday to spend Sunday.

— The STAR was very glad to have a call yesterday from Mr. J. W. Kates, of Richmond, general superintendent of the Postal Telegraph Company.

— Justice R. H. Bunting yesterday issued a peace warrant against John Williams, colored, at the instance of Mr. B. F. Turlington. Later the case was dismissed.

— Dr. W. D. McMillan is spending Sunday and Monday on Topsail Sound where his family is summering. He will be on duty at the Health Office again Tuesday at 10 o'clock.

— Mr. Robert Jenkins, late Consul to Greece, is the guest of his father, Capt. R. A. Jenkins, on Carolina beach. He arrived yesterday from Washington, D. C., where he has been in a hospital service, since his recent return from his late consulate. He is still in poor health.

SHOULDER DISLOCATED.

Colored Pedestrian Comes to Grief From a Collision With a Wheelman.

Charlie Jackson, colored, was run over last night at 7 o'clock by a bicyclist near the corner of Seventh and Market streets. He came out of the encounter with a dislocated shoulder. He was coming down Market near Seventh and the wheelman was riding up Market. After the collision the bicyclist got off his wheel and went to Jackson's side and asked him what doctor he wanted. Upon Jackson's reply he got on his wheel and rode off as Jackson supposed to get a doctor. But he never came back and the injured man had to get some passers-by to help him to a doctor. The man who ran over him is a colored man and Jackson knows him, but cannot call his name.

Travel to the Sea.

The Saturday excursionists on the Seaboard Air Line were in larger numbers yesterday than on any previous day this season. There were about 300 people who took advantage of the excellent opportunity to visit the seaside.

The other roads brought good crowds into the city also, the Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta train having a much larger crowd than usual.

DELEGATES HAVE RETURNED

From Wilmington District Conference at Whiteville—A Successful Session. General Conference Delegates.

The Wilmington District M. E. Conference closed its session at Whiteville on Friday night and most of the clergy and delegates returned yesterday, delighted with the proceedings, with their entertainment and with Whiteville, all declaring that they had the best home in the place. The next session will be held at Charity Church, on the Kenansville circuit.

The Conference elected the following delegates to the Annual Conference, to be held at Elizabeth City: Messrs. J. E. Durham, Rocky Point; J. B. Schulken, Whiteville; J. S. Funches, Fifth Street Church, Wilmington, and Frank Thompson, Jacksonville. Alternates—H. C. Moffitt, Whiteville, and J. A. Drew, Southport.

The reports from the various churches of the district made quite a creditable showing, and clergy and laymen manifested much enthusiasm in the general church work.

Rev. A. P. Tyer, of Grace Church, this city, delivered a lecture before the conference on "Christian Education" and also preached a sermon. Rev. W. L. Cunninggim, of Fifth Street Church, also delivered a sermon during the sessions of the conference.

PROGRESSIVE LUMBERTON.

System of Water Works About Completed—Other Improvements

Mr Jos. H. McRee, who, since he completed the survey of Big Green Swamp, has been working at Lumberton on a system of water works for that place, says the water works will be completed this week. The tank has a capacity of 65,000 gallons and the bottom of it is 85 feet from the ground. The nozzle pressure from the tank is 40 pounds to the square inch, while in case of a fire a direct pressure of 600 gallons per minute can be had from the pumps. Many thousand feet of six and eight inch pipe have been laid, and the system, when completed, will be a credit to the town.

Lumberton is also putting in a system of sewerage and this work, too, is being directed by Mr. McRee. One line of house and storm pipes have already been laid. Lumberton is one of the most progressive towns in the State anyway and nothing that one can hear about its onward movement is a surprise.

THE COUNTY CONVENTION.

The Date Has Been Fixed for Monday, September 5th.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Democrats of New Hanover was held some time ago to select a day for the convention for the nomination of county officers. The committee selected Monday, September 5th, with the understanding that this would be the day if Mr. James A. Montgomery, the chairman of the convention, should concur. Mr. Montgomery told a STAR reporter yesterday that the day suited him and that the convention would be called for that date. A complete county ticket, including clerk of the Superior Court, county representatives and justices of the peace will be nominated.

In Justice Fowler's Court.

In Justice Fowler's Court yesterday there were two cases tried. The most interesting was that against Cornelius Stone, colored, charged with stealing two shoe-brushes. He was arrested at the instance of Mr. J. Feldman, the shoe-maker, who claimed that he had bought the brushes from Stone. The boy, however, produced four witnesses who established an alibi for him. The brushes were stolen from Fred Hill, the Front street boot-black.

The other case was against Mary Watters, colored, charging her with disorderly conduct. She was sent to jail in default of the payment of the costs in the case.

Our Next Congressman to Speak.

John D. Bellamy, Esq., Democratic nominee for Congress in this district, and Mr. William H. Bernard, of the STAR, have accepted invitations to attend a big basket pic-nic at Howellsville, Robeson county, Saturday, July 30th. Elaborate preparations are being made for the occasion and a great crowd is expected. The ladies of the county are to be largely represented. A feature of the programme for the day is to be an address by Jno. D. Bellamy, Esq.

Robeson County Politics.

The STAR learns that the time for holding the Democratic mass meeting in Robeson county may be changed to a date later than August 3rd, possibly, between the 6th and 10th. Due announcement will be made, however. In the meantime, great preparations are being made for the basket pic-nic at Howellsville, July 30th, and it is likely that, in addition to Mr. Bellamy, Gov. Jarvis or some other leading Democrat will speak.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure promp and regular delivery.

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NEWS FROM RALEIGH.

Gov. Russell Appoints O. V. F. Blythe of Hendersonville to Succeed Ewart.

THE APPOINTMENT CRITICISED

J. W. Bailey Resigns as a Member of the Board of Agriculture — Unsanitary Condition of Camp Russell—The Second Regiment.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., July 23.

The Governor has named O. V. F. Blythe, of Hendersonville, to succeed Judge H. G. Ewart as Judge of the Criminal Circuit Court. Blythe obtained his license to practice law only a few years ago, and is said to have had only a small practice. He will have to stand for re-election this Fall. The appointment has been severely criticised, as it is thought a man with only a few years experience as a country lawyer can scarcely have sufficient ability to uphold the dignity of the North Carolina bench.

J. Will Bailey, editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, has tendered his resignation to the Governor as a member of the Board of Agriculture. He says that he is disgusted with the dickerings of the Board.

Notwithstanding the fact that two of the wells at Camp Dan Russell have been condemned, and that charges are made openly that the present camp is not healthy, no steps are being taken to move to the new site offered. All possible efforts to cleanse the present camp are being made, but the officers have found it impossible to refute the charges made here by those who have examined into the state of affairs.

The Board of Agriculture cost the State over $150 at the extra session just adjourned. The session was called at the request of Governor Russell, presumably that he might have three men given jobs. The scheme arranged to co-operate with the German Kali Company in operating a farm at Southern Pines is a big undertaking and may catch the eye of the Board of Agricultural, but it will cost the State several thousand dollars a year and benefit no one except the German Kali Company, which is a German syndicate, controlling the world's supply of potash.

A letter received in Raleigh from a newspaper man in Washington says other companies from the Second North Carolina regiment, now in camp here, will be given duty similar to that now being done by the six companies in the South. The letter says the order will not be issued within two weeks. It is probable, however, that should the order be delayed so long a time some other regiment will be given this duty, possibly men returning from the Santiago campaign, in which event the Second regiment will again be brought together.

The remains of private J. B. Martin, the fifth man to die at Camp Russell, were embalmed and sent to Murphy, (his home) this morning.

CHIEF MELTON VS. BRANCH.

Mr. Bob Branch Arrested for Giving J. R. Melton a Piece of His Mind.

A case of more than passing interest was docketed for trial in the Mayor's Court yesterday. It was against Mr. Bob Branch, charging him with abusing an officer while in the discharge of his duty. The circumstances connected with the case seem to be that a few days ago Mr. Branch's little boy was riding his little donkey down Market street, when a loose donkey galloped up and caused the animal to throw the boy. An officer came along and caught both donkeys and carried them to the city pound. Mr. Branch went to the City Hall to get his son's and Chief Melton would not release it until he paid a fee of twenty-five cents.

Last night it seems that Chief Melton was in Rhodes' barroom, as he says to collect some pound fees, and Mr. Branch came in and the two men had some further words about the matter. Mr. Branch told Melton that he (Melton) was a d——d scoundrel. Melton then asked him if he meant it. He replied that he did. Chief Melton thereupon arrested him on the charge, as stated above, of abusing an officer while discharging his duty. The case was set for trial before Mayor Wright; but Mr. Branch made affidavit that he could not get justice in the Mayor's Court and Dr. Wright moved it to 'Squire Bunting's Court where the case was heard yesterday afternoon. 'Squire Bunting reserved his opinion until Monday at noon.

Returned From the Reunion.

Rev. P. C. Morton and Commander George W. Huggins, who were among the Confederate veterans who left here Tuesday for Atlanta to attend the Confederate reunion, returned home yesterday via the Seaboard Air Line. They seem quite delighted with their trip and especially with the hospitable treatment accorded North Carolina veterans. The young ladies from North Carolina were very cordially received and were the recipients of the most flattering compliments from all sides.

Bound Over to Court.

James Clark, colored, was arraigned yesterday before Justice R. H. Bunting, charged with assaulting Tom Myers, colored, with a piece of scantling. Clark was required to give a bond in the sum of $50 for his appearance at the next session of the Criminal Court. The difficulty occurred near Kidder's mill yesterday morning. Neither negro was injured.

Improvements on Water Street.

Mr. D. L. Gore is having built at the rear of his store on Water street a large two-story store room. It is a brick building 57x30 feet, two stories high and will have a tin roof. Mr. Gore will use it to keep peanuts and heavy groceries in.

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SUNDAY SERVICES.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church, Fourth street above Bladen, Rev. G. D. Bernheim pastor. Morning service at 11 o'clock. No service at night. Sunday School at 9.30 A. M. All seats free, and every person cordially invited.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sixth and Market streets, A. G. Voigt, D. D., pastor, English service to-day at 11 A. M.; Sunday school 4.30 P. M. No services to-night.

St. James' Church, seventh Sunday after Trinity; 7.45 A. M., the holy communion; 11 A. M., morning prayer, litany and sermon; 6 P. M., evening prayer. Public cordially invited.

COLORED CHURCHES.

Shiloh Raptist Church, corner of Walnut and McRae streets. Rev W. R. Slade pastor. Preaching to-day at 11 A. M., by Rev. E. J. Gregg, presiding elder; 3 P. M., Rev. I. S. Lee; 8 P. M. Rev. John S. Richardson' This is our rally day, a cordial invitation to all to worship with us.

A Very Old Newspaper.

Miss Hattie Whitaker, manager of R. G. Dun & Co.'s agency here, has kindly shown the STAR a copy of a very old paper that has fallen into her possession. It is the New York *Morning Post*, and came from the press on Friday, November 7, 1783, being therefore nearly 115 years old. In spite of this it has been kept so carefully that pretty nearly everything on its quaint yellow paper is quite legible. The paper is well filled with advertisements. The reading matter is mainly about revolutionary affairs and includes among other things General Washington's farewell orders to the armies of the United States.

Caught On the Fly.

Mr. H. L. Stevens, of Warsaw, was "caught on the fly" in an article that appeared in this department of the STAR last Wednesday. He is the man in whose interest a leading Populist-Republican office-holder of Duplin county was said to have visited Wilmington and conferred with Russell. Some reference to Stevens' "change of heart" will be found on the editorial page of the STAR this morning.

Details Completed by Aug. 1.

All the details by which five railroad companies will be converted into the Atlantic Coast Line Company, of South Carolina, will be completed by Aug. 1, if not sooner, and all the business transacted on these roads will be the business of the A. C. L. Company, of South Carolina and managed by the recently elected officers of that company and their assistants.

The Naval Reserves.

The regular monthly inspection of Wilmington Division of Naval Reserves will be held next Tuesday night. Adjutant Jas. C. Morrison said yesterday that any and all naval reserves who had returned home would be expected to report for inspection. After the inspection there will be the business meeting.

Carolina Beach and Southport STEAMBOAT LINE.

Following Schedule in Effect After Wednesday, June 8.

Leave Wilmington, daily except Sunday, for Carolina Beach, 6 and 9.15 A. M.; 2 and 5.15 P. M. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday—Leave Wilmington, 7.30 P. M.; leave Beach, 8.30 P. M.

Leave Beach, 7 A. M.; 1.00 P. M.; 3.45 P. M.; 9.00 P. M.

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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, JULY 24, 1898.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

FOR CONGRESS.

Sixth District—John D. Bellamy, of New Hanover.

FOR SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES.

First District—Hon. George H. Brown, of Beaufort.

Second District—Hon. Henry R. Bryan, of Craven.

Fifth District—Hon. Thomas J. Shaw, of Guilford.

Sixth District—Hon. Oliver H. Allen, of Lenoir.

Seventh District—Hon. Thomas A. McNeill, of Robeson.

Eleventh District—Hon. W. Alexander Hoke, of Lincoln.

FOR SOLICITOR.

Sixth District—Rodolph Duffy, of Onslow.

WILL THEY FUSE?

Some interest is now being shown in the question whether there will be fusion between the Republicans and Populists in this State this year. If this means will the leaders fuse then it might be answered, "yes," but if it means will there be a fusion which will command the votes of the Populists of rank and file, "no." The leaders will fuse because they will be for a dicker that they think may give them the offices they hanker for, but while the Republican leaders may control the votes of the rank and file of their party for such a dicker the Populist leaders can't do that. The action of the late Republican convention at Raleigh clearly indicates that the intention, as far as the Republican convention goes, was to go into the dickering business. They didn't nominate candidates for judges or solicitors but by resolution turned that matter over to the State Committee with plenary power to act. If they intended to run the business independent of the Populists they would have nominated for these offices then and there, unless, perhaps, they might have feared that the colored contingent might have demanded something, which would have been embarrassing.

A short while ago a negro convention assembled in Goldsboro, and declared for co-operation, or fusion, with the Populists on "honorable terms." They appointed a committee of twelve to arrange the "honorable terms" and make the dicker with the Populists, which committee was composed of eleven colored statesmen and one white brother, the town federal stamp-licker. When the State committee which was delegated at Raleigh to do up the nominating business, gets down to the trading point they will probably follow the example of the colored statesmen at Goldsboro and say something about "honorable terms," that is a divide of the offices which will give the Republicans the pick of the plums in view of the fact that they will furnish most of the votes.

It is true that the Populists in their State convention at Raleigh on the 17th of May adopted a long string of declarations as the basis on what they would fuse with "any party or faction of a party" which would subscribe to them, and afterwards when the Democratic convention met at Raleigh on the 26th of May, through a committee appointed, made a proposition for fusion on these terms, which was declined. It is argued, in view of these declarations, that the Populists cannot listen to fusion with the Republicans, because the Republicans cannot accept these declarations.

If the men who are running the Populist party and the men who are running the Republican party were actuated as much by devotion to principle as they are by the desire for spoils this might be so, but as they are not it is not so, and no declarations previously made will prevent them from dickering if they conclude there is anything to be made by it. Two years ago they had practically the same declaration of principles which they have now, save the North Carolina railroad lease, which didn't figure then, and we saw them supporting Wm. J. Bryan for the Presidency and fusing on State issues with the Republicans who were fighting Wm. J. Bryan and free silver like wild cats. Would men who were influenced as much by principle as by the desire for spoils have done that? They did it and did it to the extent of voting for negroes for offices, and subsequently putting more negroes in office than there are in any State in the Union. This was as much their work as it was the work of the Republicans for they brought about the state of things which made it possible, and they are ready for the same kind of a dicker again, provided they can thus get their share of the offices to be voted for next November.

They showed their devotion to principle when the so-called Populist Congressional convention at Wadesboro turned the cold shoulder on Populists who stood upon the Populist platform and nominated Oliver H. Dockery who proved treacherous to them and was then the candidate of the Republican convention which had pledged itself to the gold standard but refused to consider Dockery an orthodox candidate until he had recanted his renunciation of Republicanism, confessed his sin and been pardoned. This was some time ago, the Populist leaders knew it, and yet not one of them in all the State has risen to protest against or denounce this infamous betrayal of their party and endorsement of the man who openly repudiated the party which two years ago he had joined through professed devotion to its principles.

Where is there any principle among such mercenary fellows, and what reason is there to believe that they will be bound by any declarations previously made when it comes to dickering with the Republican machine men who have votes to barter for votes? There is none. They are after the spoils of office and they will take the shortest cut to the spoils if they have to trample on all the principles they profess to get there.

But when it comes to commanding the votes of the rank and file of their party, the honest Populists who vote for principles and not for spoils, that is another matter, and they will not find it so easy to put them up on the block and knock them down to the Republicans. These honest Populists have been noting the drift of events and will not be so easily bartered and delivered as they have been heretofore. A great many of them have had their eyes opened, have cut their wisdom teeth and are not now for sale.

STEVENS, OF WARSAW.

Mr. H. L. Stevens, of Warsaw, has left us. He prints a signed letter in the last issue of Rocky Mount Butler's paper, the *Caucasian*, in which he declares with much seriousness that the State Democratic convention which was held in Raleigh, May 26th, was controlled by goldbugs and monopolists. And then he dramatically exclaims: "If this is Democracy, then I do not endorse such Democracy, and am out of it." Mr. Stevens, it will be recalled, was a candidate for Judge before the Democratic convention recently held at Wallace, and was likewise "out of it" there, so far as the nomination was concerned; and there is a vague suspicion among his friends that this had a very debilitating effect on his Democracy. In other words, they are guessing that if Mr. Stevens had received the Democratic nomination at Wallace, he would not now be found swinging in the same political hammock with Rocky Mount Butler. The letter of Mr. Stevens has the genuine Butlerian ring. In fact, it is a rehash of Butler's *Caucasian* editorials. It is painful to observe, however, that he studiously avoids all reference to "corporation lawyers;" but this may be accounted for by the fact that he is "somewhat of a" corporation lawyer "himself." Mr. Stevens is a man of amplified physical proportions; but this will give him no influence in the campaign, and the only vote he will be able to control will be that of Henry L. Stevens. So, he will do himself more injury than he can inflict on the Democratic party; and when the contest for white supremacy is over, the only thing to which he can "point with pride" will be the fact that he has "fused" with 120,000 negro voters and cast one vote against the best interests of his own race.

"Our baby has been continually troubled with colic and cholera infantum since his birth, and all that we could do for him did not seem to give more than temporary relief, until we tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy. Since giving that remedy he has not been troubled. We want to give you this testimonial as an evidence of our gratitude, not that you need it to advertise your meritorious remedy.—G. M. Law, Keokuk, Ia." For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

"I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family for years and always with good results," says My W. B. Cooper, of El Rio, Cal. "For small children we find it especially effective." For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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MINOR MENTION.

Congressman White (black) of the First District, who won so much notoriety by that notoriously insolent and otherwise bad speech in the Republican State convention, does not propose to let the question of negroes holding office remain in a quiescent or passive state as his white Republican confreres would like to have it remain, at least until after the next election, but announces that he will force the issue, whether other people like it or not. In his Raleigh speech he said "I want to invite the issue of the white man against the negro. I want to meet it in the black belt and whether they meet me or not, I am going to have them hear me." This fellow is pretty sure of his grip on his colored constituents and he is playing to make it stronger. His white political associates may not like his aggressiveness, but they are afraid to say so lest they offend the colored constituency for whom White talks and whose votes they need. White is in, he expects to remain in; there is no danger of his weakening himself by his boldness and therefore he is not influenced by fear to sing low on the negro-in-office question as his white Republican allies are. It is a good thing that White is going to "invite the issue," for the sooner it is forced the sooner the white men of the State will decide it.

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If General Shafter treated General Garcia as unceremoniously as General Garcia in his letter, published yesterday, says he did, then the old Cuban warrior has cause to feel aggrieved, and cause to protest against such ignoring, which he does and does in a dignified way. He and his army may not have rendered very signal service in the capture of Santiago, but Garcia showed a cheerful willingness from the beginning to co-operate with our forces. Gen. Shafter and Admiral Sampson conferred with him on the landing of our troops and jointly they mapped out their plan of campaign. In all this they recognized Gen. Garcia as an ally, and courtesy, at least, demanded that he be so recognized in the surrender of Santiago and in taking possession of that city which could have been done without permitting the Cuban soldiers to go into the city. The report was that he had been invited to participate in the proceedings of taking possession of the city when the Spanish flag was lowered, but declined; but if his statement be correct he was simply ignored and this should not been. Some of his other complaints are not so much entitled to consideration, as for instance his protest against having the Spanish authorities in the city in charge of their respective offices for that was to be only temporary until time was given to make the necessary changes. It is doubtless his hatred of the Spaniard which so incensed him at this. This turn of affairs is to be regretted, for while the absence of the Cubans will not be seriously felt in the conflict it may, if they propose to conduct operations independently, lead to disagreeable complications and possibly to conflicts that might prove very serious. We do not think the course that General Garcia is pursuing in withdrawing his command is much regretted in Washington, for it will give a pretext for ignoring the Teller amendment disclaiming any purpose on part of this Government to hold Cuba, for there is a growing sentiment among the war managers now in favor of holding it.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Columbus *News:* The canning factory commenced operations successfully Wednesday morning. It will can tomatoes principally this season. They have about fifteen acres of tomatoes, which promise a large yield.

— Raleigh *Post:* O. V. F. Blythe succeeds Judge Ewart as Judge of the Criminal Court of the Western district of North Carolina. Governor Russell issued the commission late yesterday afternoon appointing Judge Blythe. The new appointee has been notified by wire and will take the oath of office at once. Judge Blythe is a resident of Hendersonville, N. C. He is a young man and only received license to practice law a few years ago.

— Fayetteville *Observer:* Mrs. J. R. Lee died at her home on Rowan street Wednesday evening. She has been a long and patient sufferer and death was surely a relief in her case. —— The ash tree in Fayetteville is doomed. The odor from them is so disagreeable that the city authorities have been requested to have them all cut down. The odor comes from what is known as the elephant beetle, a hideous creature, which seems to attack the ash alone.

—Lincolnton *Journal*: The Populists in this neck of the wood are mad as wet hens at the defeat of Shuford for the nomination for Congress by the convention at Salisbury last week and at the nomination, instead, of M. H. H. Caldwell, a Concord lawyer.—— Col. Jno. C. Hope, the man who captures rattlesnakes and brings them to market in tow sacks, tells us that a few days ago he killed the largest rattler at High Shoals that he ever saw. It was 6 feet, 2½ inches long, 18 inches in circumference and had 18 rattles. It was the largest snake ever killed in this section.—— When he started to the war in 1861, at the age of 18, Mr. Calvin Dellinger's mother gave him a gold dollar. This he carried all through the four years of battle and when he came home he gave it back to her. The other day this same dollar came back to him in a subscription to a church-building fund. —— Mr. Hugh Jenkins recently bought a a fine cow. Last Friday she died and a post-mortem examination revealed the fact that in her stomach she carried a large assortment of hardware, consisting (as old-time advertisements says) in part of a large and varied stock of hardware and notions, such as nails, scrap iron, tin cans, barrel hoops, sausage grinders, well-chains, plowshares, hairpins, bullets and other articles too numerous to mention.

DON'T MAKE THE WRINKLES DEEPER.

BY MRS. FRANK A. BRECK.

Is father's eyesight growing dim,
His form a little lower?
Is mother's hair a little gray,
Her steps a little slower?
Is life's hill growing hard to climb?
Make not their pathway steeper,
Smooth out the furrows on their brows—
O do not make them deeper!

There's nothing makes a face so young,
As joy, youth's fairest token;
And nothing makes a face grow old
Like hearts that have been broken.
Take heed lest deeds of thine should make
Thy mother be a weeper;
Stamp peace upon a father's brow—
Don't make the wrinkles deeper.

In doubtful pathway do not go,
Be tempted not to wander;
Grieve not the hearts that love you so,
But make their love grow fonder.
Much have thy parents borne for thee,
Be now their tender keeper;
And let them lean upon thy love—
Don't make their wrinkles deeper.

Be lavish with thy loving deeds,
Be patient, true and tender;
And make the path that ageward leads,
Aglow with earthy splendor.
Some day, thy dear ones, stricken low,
Must yield to death, the reaper;
And you will then be glad to know
You made no wrinkles deeper.
—*Lutheran Evangelist.*

TWINKLINGS.

—Brown—"Oh, yes! the world moves!" Jones—"Yes; and it has to hustle to keep up with the United States."—*Puck.*

— "We don't have to punish our children any more." "Why not?" "When one gets to acting badly the others court-martial him."

— Subbubs—"What an enormous quantity of coal these warships consume." His Wife—"But just imagine how much they'd consume if it were winter."—*Truth.*

— Teacher—"Now, Patsy, would it be proper to say, 'You can't learn me nothing?'" Patsy—"Yes'm." Teacher—"Why?" Patsy—"'Cause you can't."—*Tit-Bits.*

— Rapid Promotion: "Bliffkin's boy has been made a major." "I didn't known that he ever saw any service." "He didn't. He saw the President."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

— "Does your cook make any trouble when you presume to go to the kitchen and tell her how to do things?" "Oh, no; she doesn't take any notice!"—*Household Words.*

— The Patriotic Taxpayer: "You didn't go to the front to save your country?" "No, I'm one of the fellows who stays at home drinking beer and drawing checks."—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

— Maud—"Why have you thrown Clarence overboard?" Madge—"I couldn't marry a man with a broken nose." Maud—"How did his nose get broken?" Madge—"I struck him playing golf"—*Tit-Bits.*

— No Gold Brick for Him: First Farmer—"Silas is a reg'lar fanatic on silver ain't he?" Second Farmer—"Awful! I reckon if any bunco man ever wants to cheat him he'll have to sell him a bimetallic brick."—*Puck.*

— Mrs. Watts—"What is on that button?" Watts—"'Remember the Maine.'" Mrs. Watts—"It would do more immediate good if you would get a button with 'Don't Forget the Groceries' on it."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

— "No," she said, "I don't believe in pushing the war too fast. I hope the men who are running it will take their time about it." "That's a queer view to take of so serious a matter," he replied. "Well, may be it is," she assented, "but when it began Fred Robbins said he'd buy me a two-pound box of candy if our side didn't win in less than three months."—*Chicago News.*

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— Don't borrow trouble, you will have to pay too great interest.

— Men's thoughts are much according to their inclination.

— Secrecy is sin's coat of mail.—*Ram's Horn.*

— Love your neighbor, yet pull not down your hedge.—*English Proverb.*

— Reputation is what men say we are. Character is what God says we are.

— The worst enemy could not wish to do us more harm than by fastening resentment in our soul.—*N. Y. Observer.*

— Grace is such a pilot as without its steerage you will certainly suffer shipwreck on the voyage to everlasting tranquility.—*Secker.*

— While we are straightened in our expectations the blessing is withheld; but when our hearts are enlarged the more we have.—*Hill.*

— In the kingdom of God there is no question of majorities and minorities, but it is simply are we steadfast and faithful unto death?—*Bahr.*

— The covetous person lives as if the world were made altogether for him, and not he for the world; to take in everything, and to part with nothing.—*South.*

— The purpose of just men depends not so much upon their own wisdom as upon the grace of God, on whom they always rely in whatsoever they take in hand.—*Thomas a Kempis.*

— Every man is the architect of his eternal fortune. The divine constitution of our nature put it into our power to have a heaven or hell on earth in our own heart.—*Rev. M. C. Peters.*

— O God, thou that providest meat for the fowls of the air, wilt make the fowls of the air provide meat for man, rather than his dependence on thee shall be disappointed. O let not our faith be wanting to thee; thy care can never be wanting to us.—*Bishop Hall.*

— Monroe *Enquirer:* Mr. W. F. Tucker, of Lanes Creek township, reports that he killed a rattlesnake several days ago that measured four feet and nine inches in length and seven inches around. The reptile had sixteen rattles and a button.

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine, and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all diseases of the Throat, Chest and Lungs are surely cured by it. Call on R. R. BELLAMY, druggist, and get a trial bottle free. Regular size 50c and $1. Every bottle guaranteed or price refunded. †

FRENCH GOWN OF BLACK PEAU DE SOIE FROM HARPER'S BAZAR

THE latest styles show very markedly the difference between this and last year's fashions, and the gowns now sent out may be relied upon as being hints for what will be worn during the Winter. The blouse effects are very rapidly giving place to tight-fitting waists, sleeves are shrinking, and over-skirts are threatened. Our illustration, taken from HARPER'S BAZAR, shows a charmingly effective gown of black peau de soie. This gown has the front made in princess style, two narrow pieces extending up from the skirt and forming a bodice on the waist, which opens on a vest of pleated black mousseline de soie. The rest of the waist and the sleeves are composed of bands of cream lace insertion and narrow silk stripes, with mousseline pleatings at the top of the sleeves. The skirt is bordered with insertion and opens on a slender lace panel. The belt of the material is narrow at the back and widens to a rosette at either side of the front.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— It would seem from the different reports that all that Santiago needs to make it a healthy city is new water works, a sewage system, an improved climate, and a new set of residents.—*Washington Post, Ind.*

—— Toral's reward for doing his best at Santiago is a threat that he is to be court-martialed on his return to Spain. This suggests that if Spain proposes to shoot all of her soldiers who fail to succeed against our arms, she will soon be without an army as well as without a navy. —*Richmond Dispatch, Dem.*

—— Spanish private property on the wharves at Santiago was perfectly safe when our troops entered, and remains in the possession of its owners. Spanish property afloat on vessels in Santiago harbor is claimed as "prize" and an attempt has been made to seize it for the benefit of the officers and men on the fleet. This is a barbarous practice akin to piracy, and the sooner it is abolished the better. General Shafter will have public sympathy in his effort to protect this marine private property.—*Philadelphia Press, Rep.*

—— In view of the declared intention of the British Government to make formal inquiry into the matter the Navy Department at Washington has prepared a complete roster of the men on board of Admiral Dewey's ships at Manila, which shows that out of 1,445 only 67 were aliens, and of these but eight were British subjects. Of the eight, five were ordinary seamen, one a carpenter's mate, one a coal passer and one a water tender. This account disposes conclusively of the fiction that British gunners, hired for large fees, served Dewey's guns when the Spanish fleet was destroyed. —*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN.

Appointments for Public Speaking Made By the Democratic State Committee.

Addresses will be made during the month of August in the following counties by the Democratic speakers named, by virtue of appointments made by the Democratic State Committee.

FOR AUGUST 2.

Duplin county—Chas. R. Thomas, W. R. Allen, D. H. McLean and Rodolph Duffy.

FOR AUGUST 3.

Catawba county—Lee S. Overman, A. Leazer.

Durham county—W. W. Kitchin, Chas. M. Busbee, R. B. Boone.

Rutherford county—James H. Pou, James A. Lockhart.

Pitt county—Chas. B. Aycock, Swift Galloway.

Rockingham county—A. L. Brooks, C. B. Watson, John R. Webster.

Lenoir county—E. W. Pou, B. F. Aycock, D. L. Ward.

Jackson county—Locke Craig.

Columbus county—R. T. Bennett, John D. Bellamy.

Robeson county—Thomas J. Jarvis, Walter H. Neal.

Union county—Chas. M. Cooke, J. H. Currie, J. T. LeGrand.

FOR AUGUST 3 AND 4.

Gaston county, River Bend—Col. J. S. Carr, T. F. Kluttz, J. D. McCall, Heriot Clarkson.

Where the town is not named the local committees will give due notice before the time for the speaking arrives.

A Clever Trick.

It certainly looks like it, but there is really no trick about it. Anybody can try it who has Lame Back and Weak Kidneys, Malaria or nervous troubles. We mean he can cure himself right away by taking Electric Bitters. This medicine tones up the whole system, acts as a stimulant to Liver and Kidneys, is a blood purifier and nerve tonic. It cures Consumption, Headache, Fainting Spells, Sleeplessness and Melancholy. It is purely vegetable, a mild laxative, and restores the system to its natural vigor. Try Electric Bitters and be convinced that they are a miracle worker. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50c a bottle at R. R. BELLAMY's Drug Store. †

Persons troubled with diarrhœa will be interested in the experience of Mr. W. M. Bush, clerk of Hotel Dorrance, Providence, R. I. He says: "For several years I have been almost a constant sufferer from diarrhœa, the frequent attacks completely prostrating me and rendering me unfit for my duties at this hotel. About two years ago a travelling salesman kindly gave me a small bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy. Much to my surprise and delight its effects were immediate. Whenever I felt symptoms of the disease I would fortify myself against the attack with a few doses of this valuable remedy. The result has been very satisfactory and almost complete relief from the affliction." For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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Wholesale Prices Current.

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BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute	6¾	@	6⅞
Standard	7	@	7⅜
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	12½
Sides ℔ ℔		@	8
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	7
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	6¼	@	6½
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	6½
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each		@	1 10
New New Mork, each		@	1 20
New City, each		@	1 10
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	24
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	18	@	25
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks		@	50
Virginia Meal		@	50
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	80
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	11
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream		@	11
State	10½	@	12
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	12	@	16
Rio	8	@	9
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5¼
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen	11	@	12
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl.	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl.	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel		@	3 50
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
" Extra	4 25	@	4 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—			
Low grade		@	3 50
Choice		@	3 75
Straight	4 25	@	4 50
First Patent		@	5 25
GLUE—℔ ℔	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White		@	52½
Car load, in bags—White		@	50
Oats, from store	38	@	40
Oats, Rust Proof		@	45
Cow Peas	90	@	1 00
HIDES—℔ ℔—			
Green		@	8
Dry		@	12
HAY, ℔ 100 ℔s—			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	90
Western		@	90
North River		@	85
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1¾	@	2
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5½	@	7¾
North Carolina	6	@	10½
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	25
Barbadoes in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		@	27
Porto Rico, in barrels		@	28
Sugar-House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar-House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	12	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	1 40	@	1 50
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	11 50	@	12 00
Rump		@	12 00
Prime		@	11 50
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool		@	70
Lisbon		@	
American		@	70
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@	45
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 60	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd	5⅜	@	5⅞
Standard A		@	5⅝
White Extra C		@	5
Extra C, Golden		@	4¾
C. Yellow		@	4⅝
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3¼	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	6 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	3 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed			
℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6x24 Heart	6 00	@	6 50
" Sap	5 00	@	5 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	6
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon, Northern	1 00	@	2 50
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00
WOOL ℔ ℔—Unwashed	8	@	15

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, July 23.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 25½ cents per gallon for machine-made casks and 25 cents for country casks.

ROSIN.—Market dull at 95c per bbl for Strained and $1.00 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market quiet at $1.10 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market steady at $1.00 per barrel for Hard $1.50 for Dip, and $1.50 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine dull, 24½c, 24c; rosin firm, $1.20, $1.25; tar firm, $1.15; crude turpentine quiet, $1.30, $1.80, $1.90.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	95
Rosin	316
Tar	88
Crude Turpentine	131

Receipts same day last year.—266 casks spirits turpentine, 737 bbls rosin, 51 bbls tar, 32 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 5⅛c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	3 3-16	cts. ℔ ℔
Good Ordinary	4¼	" "
Low Middling	5 3-16	" "
Middling	5⅛	" "
Good Middling	5⅝	" "

Same day last year, middling 8c.

Receipts—0 bales; same day last year, 1.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 60@65c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 70c; Fancy, 75c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 75c; Fancy, 75c; Spanish, 70@80c.

CORN.—Firm; 50@52½ cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE.—$1.00@1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON.—Steady; hams, 10 to 11c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES.—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to $2.25; six inch, $2.25 to $3.25; seven inch, $5.50 to $6.50.

TIMBER.—Market steady at $2.50 to $6.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, July 23.—Money on call steady at 1@1½ per cent., last loan being at 1½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3¾@4 per cent. Sterling exchange steady; actual business in bankers' bills 485¼@485½ for demand; 484@484¼ for sixty days. Posted rates 485 and 486½. Commercial bills 483 @483¼. Silver certificates 58¾@59¾. Bar silver 59¼. Mexican dollars 45¾. Government bonds were irregular; U. S. new 4's, registered, 124¾; coupon, 125¾; U. S. 4's 109¾; do. coupon, 110½; U. S. 2's, 97; U. S. 5's, registered, 111½; do. 5's, coupon, 112¾. State bonds—N. C. 6's 125; 4's 1 02.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, July 23.—Rosin steady; strained, common to good, $1 35@1 40. Spirits turpentine firm at 27½ @28c.

CHARLESTON, July 23.—Spirits turpentine steady at 24½c; no sales. Rosin firm and unchanged; no sales.

SAVANNAH, July 23.—Spirits turpentine quiet at 26c; sales 375 casks; receipts 1,295 casks. Rosin firm; sales 565 barrels; receipts 4,978 barrels; uprices unchanged.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, July 23.—The cotton market opened steady, with prices one point lower to two points higher. From the start speculation was of the scalping order and at no time during the forepart of the session did trading reach any semblance of old time activity. As the market drew towards the close business partook of a scalping character, with the market finally steady at an advance of one to four points.

NEW YORK, July 23.—Cotton easy; middling uplands 6 1-16c.

Cotton futures closed steady; sales not reported: July 5.83c, August 5.82c, September 5.84c, October 5.87c, November 5.88c, December 5.92c, January 5.96c, February 5.99c; March 6.02c.

Spot cotton closed easy; middling uplands 6 1-16c; middling gulf 6 5-16c; sales 1,837 bales.

Net receipts — bales; gross receipts 922 bales; forwarded 909 bales; sales 1,637 bales; sales to spinners 114 bales; stock (actual) 101,436 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 328 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,486 bales; exports to France 1,683 bales; bales; exports to the Continent 106 bales; stock 268,067 bales.

Total since September 1st—Net receipts 8,490,672 bales; exports to Great Britain 3,452,894 bales; exports to France 814,243 bales; exports to the Continent 2,952,600 bales.

July 23.—Galveston, easy at 5⅝c, net receipts 23 bales; Norfolk, dull at 5⅞c, net receipts 55 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 6⅛c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 6 1-16c, net receipts 53 bales; Wilmington, firm at 5⅝c, net receipts — bales; Philadelphia, steady at 6 5-16c, net receipts 5 bales; Savannah, quiet and easy at 5⅝c; net receipts 34 bales; New Orleans, steady at 5⅝c, net receipts 155 bales; Mobile, nominal at 5⅝c, net receipts 3 bales; Memphis, dull at 5¾c, net receipts 35 bales; Augusta, steady at 6@6 1-16c, net receipts 10 bales; Charleston, quiet at 5⅛c, net receipts — bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, July 23.—Flour was quiet but steady; winter patents $4 60 @4 75. Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red 85½c; options opened firm and were steadily held, although somewhat irregular, all the morning; strength was derived mostly from the jump in corn; closed ⅜c lower on July, under realizing, but ⅛@⅜c net higher on other months; No. 2 red July closed 82¼c; September closed 73c; December closed 72c. Corn—Spot strong; No. 2 39¼c; options were strong all the forenoon, advancing on bad crop news and prospects of continued bad weather; closed 1c net higher; July closed 38c; September closed 38¼c; December closed 39⅜c. Oats—Spot firmer; No. 2 27¾c; options were steady but quiet, closing ⅜c net higher; July closed 20½c. Beef steady; family $11 50; extra mess $10 50; beef hams $22 00@22 50; packet $11 00@11 50; city extra India mess $17 00. Cut meats quiet; pickled bellies 4¾c; do. shoulders 4@4¼c; do. hams 7¾@8c. Lard steady; Western steam $5 80; July $5 80, nominal; refined steady. Pork quiet; mess $10 00@10 25; short clear $11 50@13 50; family $12 60. Butter firm; Western creamery 14@18c; do. factory 11@13½c; Elgins 18c; imitation creamery 12@14½c; State dairy 12½ @14c; do. creamery 14c. Cheese steady; large white 7¼@7⅜c. Potatoes steady; Jerseys $2 25@2 50; Long Island $2 25 @2 50. Cotton seed oil steady; prime crude 18½c; prime summer yellow 23¼@23¾c. Petroleum easy; refined New York $6 10; Philadelphia and Baltimore $6 05; do. in bulk $3 55. Rice steady; domestic, fair to extra 5¼ @6¼; Japan 5⅛@5½. Cabbage steady; Long Island $3 75@4 00. Coffee—Spot Rio dull; No. 7 invoice 6c; No. 7 jobbing 6½c; mild quiet; Cordova 8¼@15c. Sugar—raw firm; fair refining 3⅝c; centrifugal 96 test 4⅛c; refined firm; mould A 5⅛c; granulated 5⅛c.

CHICAGO, July 23.—A boost in corn to-day on fears of drought advanced prices in all the other speculative pits. September corn closed 1⅛c higher. September wheat gained ⅛@⅛c and December advanced ⅛@⅛c. Oats left off ⅛@⅛c up. Pork is 12½ cents higher; lard 5@7½c and ribs 5 cents.

CHICAGO, July 23.—Cash quotations: Flour—the market was steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring 75c; No. 3 spring 75@90c; No. 2 red 78c. Corn—No. 2 34¼@34½c. Oats—No. 2 24c; No. 2 white free on board, 28½c; No. 3 white free on board, 27@27½c. Rye—No. 2 47c. Mess pork, per bbl., $9 85@9 90. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5 50@5 52½. Short rib sides, loose, $5 50@5 75. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $4 75@5 00. Short clear sides, boxed, $5 95@6 10.

The leading futures ranged as follows, opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 July 78, 78½, 76¼, 76¼; September 67⅞, 68½, 67⅜@67½, 67⅜@67¾; December 67½@67⅝, 67⅞, 67¼, 67⅜@67½c. Corn—July 33⅞, 34½, 33⅞, 34⅛c; September 33¼@34, 34⅝, 33¼, 34½c; December 34½@34⅝, 33¾, 34¼, 35@35½; May 36⅛@36½, 37⅛@37¼, 36⅛, 37⅛@37¼c. Oats—July 23½, 24, 23¼, 24; September 20½@20½, 20¾, 20¼@20⅜, 20⅝c; May 23⅛, 23¼, 23, 22⅜. Pork, per bbl.—July $9 85; September $9 90, 9 97½, 9 87½, 9 97. Lard per 100 lbs—September $5 57½, 5 62½, 5 58½, 5 62½; October $5 62½, 5 65, 5 62½, 5 65. Ribs per 100 lbs.—September $5 65, 5 67½, 5 62½, 5 67½; October $5 70, 5 70, 5 70, 70.

BALTIMORE, July 23.—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat steady—Spot 80¾@81c; month 80½@80¾c; August 75¼c; Southern wheat by sample 75⅝c. Corn strong and higher —spot and month 38c; August 38¼c; September 38¼c; Southern white corn 41@42c. Oats firm; No. 2 white 32@33c.

FOREIGN MARKET.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, July 23, 1 P. M.—Cotton—Spot in limited demand; prices unchanged. American middling 3 1-32d. The sales of the day were 6,000 bales, of which 300 were for speculation and export and included 5,800 bales American. Receipts 4,000 bales, including 2,000 American. Futures opened easy with a poor demand and closed barely steady. American middling (l. m. c.): July 3 21-64d seller; ; July and August 3 21-64d seller; August and September 3 20-64d buyer; September and October 3 19-64d buyer; October and November 3 18-64d buyer; November and December 3 17-64@3 18-64d seller; December and January 3 17-64@3 18-64d seller; January and February 3 17-64@3 18-64d buyer; February and March 3 18-64d buyer; March and April 3 19-64d seller; April and May 3 19-64@3 20-64 buyer.

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ARRIVED.

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CLEARED.

Br Schr Josie, 140 tons, Dionne, Barbadoes, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Schr Lucy Wheatley, 180 tons, Taylor, New York, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

EXPORTS.

COASTWISE.

NEW YORK—Schr Lucy Wheatley—cargo of lumber by Cape Fear Lumber Company; vessel by Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

FOREIGN.

BARBADOES—Br Schr Josie—143,476 feet lumber and 23,350 shingles, valued at $1,622; vessel by Geo Harriss, Son & C; cargo by Kidder Lumber Company.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., July 24, 1898.

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Albert L Butler, 291 tons, Leland, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

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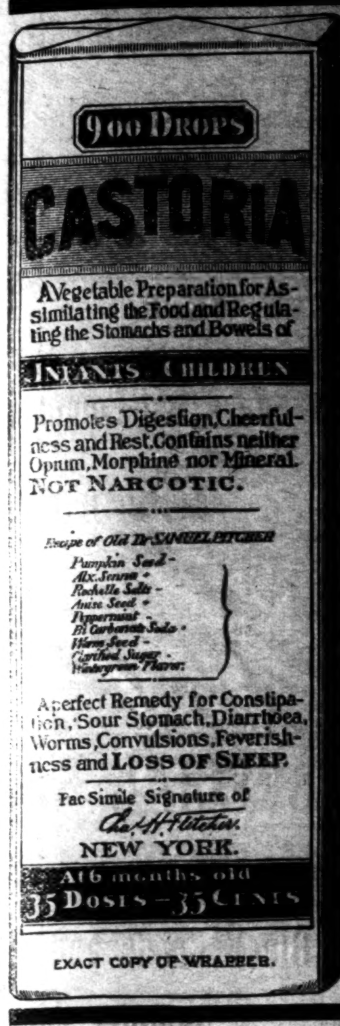

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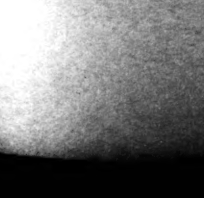

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AT MULLINER'S CAMP

Mulliner's Camp, on the Hodgkinson, was the most hopeless looking spot in the most God forsaken piece of country in North Queensland, and Haughton, the amalgamator at the Big Surprise crushing mill, as he turned wearily away from the battery tables to look at his retorting fire, cursed silently but vigorously at his folly in staying there.

It was Saturday night, and the deadly melancholy of Mulliner's was, if possible, somewhat accentuated by the crash and rattle of the played out old five head battery, accompanied by the wheezings and groanings of its notoriously unreliable pumping gear. Half a mile away from the decrepit old battery and situated on the summit of an adder infested, ironstone ridge, the dozen or so of bark humpies that constituted Mulliner's camp proper stood out clearly in the bright starlight in all their squat ugliness. Haughton, as he threw a log or two into the retort furnace and watched the shower of sparks fly high up over the battery roof, was thinking of old Channing's daughter Kate, and the curious state of affairs existing between her and his partner Ballantyne. Briefly stated, this is what had occurred—that is, as far as Haughton knew.

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Twelve months before Mrs. Channing, a meek faced, religious minded lady, had succumbed to the worries of life under the combined and prostrating influences of a galvanized iron roof, an independent, Chinaman cook and a small, powerful, theological library. Immediately after her death old Channing wrote to his daughter, then at school in Sydney, to come back and cheer up his lonely life. Being a dutiful girl, she packed up and went.

On board the steamer she had met Ballantyne, who was returning to Queensland to resume his mining pursuits in the Palmer district. He knew old Channing well by reputation as a wealthy but eccentric old squatter, and in a few days he managed to make the girl fall violently in love with him. The day that the steamer reached Brisbane, a telegram was brought on board for Miss Channing. It was from her father, telling her that Mrs. Lankey of Mount Brindlebul was coming up from Sydney in another week, and she was to wait in Brisbane for her. Then they were to travel northward together.

If there was one woman in the world she hated, it was Mrs. Lankey of Mount Brindlebul station, in the gulf country, and Ballantyne, from whom she could hide nothing, saw his opportunity and took it. He took her ashore, placed her in lodgings, went to a hotel himself, and the day before her future escort arrived married her.

Perfectly satisfied with the cogent reasons he gave for secrecy in not apprising her father of their marriage, and shedding tears at the nonchalant manner in which he alluded to a honeymoon "some time, in a year or so, when the old man comes to know of it," pretty Kate Channing went back alone to her lodgings to await Mrs. Lankey and cogitate upon the peculiarly masterful way in which Ballantyne had wooed and won her.

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Six months afterward she got a letter from Ballantyne, telling her that he had bought Petermann's crushing mill at Mulliner's Camp, "so as to be near you, my pet," he said. At the same time he warned her of the folly of their attempting to meet—at least openly—but added that Haughton, his partner, who knew of his marriage, would visit Calypso Downs occasionally and give her news of him; also, that they could correspond by the same medium.

Thus matters stood between them for some months till Kate, wearying to meet the cold, calculating Ballantyne, adopted the device of riding over late Sunday afternoon to Mulliner's for the mail, instead of her father sending over one of his black boys.

But, instead of meeting her with kisses, Ballantyne terrified her with savage reproaches. It was madness, he said, for her to run such a risk. By and by he would be in a better position. At present he was as poor as a rat, and it was best for them to be apart. And Kate, thoroughly believing in him, bent to his will. She knew that her father was, as Ballantyne thoughtfully observed, such a violent tempered old man that he would cast her off utterly, unless he was "managed" properly, when he learned of her marriage.

"And don't come down this way from Mulliner's," added the careful Ballantyne. "There's an old mail tin about a mile or so away from here, near the worked out alluvial patch. You can always drop a letter in there for me. Haughton's such a good natured ass that he'll play Mercury for you. Anyway, I'll send him to look in the tin every Sunday night."

That, so far, was the history of Mr. and Mrs. Ballantyne.

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"Another duffing crushing," muttered Haughton as he stooped and placed his hand into the bucket of quicksilver under the nozzle of the retort pipe. "What between a reef that doesn't pan out five pennyweights to the ton, and a woman that pans out too rich, I'm sick of the cursed place!"

As he stood up again and, hands on his hips, looked moodily into the fire, a woman came down the rough path leading from Ballantyne's house to the battery. Walking quickly across the lighted space that intervened between the blacksmith's forge and the fire, she placed a billy of tea on the brick furnace wall and then turned her handsome black browed, gypsylike face up to his. This was Nell Lawson, the woman who had "panned out too rich."

"Here's your tea, Dick," she said.

"Thanks," he said, taking it from her, and then, with a quick look over toward the battery, "I wish you wouldn't call me Dick when any of the hands are about. Lawson might hear of it, and I don't want you to get into any trouble over me."

The black eyes sparkled and the smooth, olive hued features flushed darkly in the firelight as she grasped his arm.

"You lie!" And she set her teeth. "A lot you care! Do you think I'm a silly? Do you think as I don't know that you want to sling me and don't know how to go about it?" And she grasped his arm savagely.

Haughton looked at her in gloomy silence for a few seconds. Standing there, face to face, they were so alike in features—he wiry, muscular, black bearded and bronzed to the hue of an Arab, and she tall, dark haired, with oval, passionate face—they might have been taken for brother and sister.

She let his arm free, and then, being only a working miner's wife, and possessing no handkerchief, whipped her apron to her eyes.

"You're a d——d cur!" she said chokingly. "If it hadn't ha been for you, I'd ha gone along all right wi' Bod and put up wi' livin in this place, and now"—

"Look here, Nell," said Haughton, drawing her away into the shadow of the forge, "I'm a cur, as you say, but I'd be a worse cur to keep on this way. You can't marry me, can you?"

"You used to talk about our boltin—once!" And she snapped out the last word.

Haughton tried to explain why the "bolting" so trenchantly referred to did not eventuate. He was stone broke. Ballantyne was going to do his own amalgamating at the battery, and it would be cruel of him to ask her to share his fortunes. (Here he began to appreciate his leaning to morality.) If she was a single girl, he would stay at Mulliner's and fight it out with bad luck for her sake, but they couldn't go on like this any longer. And the people at Mulliner's were beginning to talk about them, etc.

She heard him in silence and then gave a short, jarring laugh—the laugh that ought to tell a man that he is no longer believed in by a woman who has loved him.

"I know," she said quietly. "You want to get clear o' me. You're took up with Kate Channing, the proper Miss Channing that rides over here o' Sundays to meet you on the sly."

At first he meant to undeceive her, then he thought: "What does it matter? I'll be away from here in a day or so, and after I've gone she'll find I'm not so base as she thought me, poor girl!" So, looking away from her so as to avoid the dangerous light that gleamed in her passionate eyes, he made the plunge.

"That's it, Nell. I'm hard up and desperate. If you were a free woman"—

She struck him on the mouth with her clinched hand—"I'll kill her first, Dick Haughton!" and then left him.

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A mile or so from the battery, on a seldom used track that led to some abandoned alluvial workings, a stained and weather worn biscuit tin had been nailed to an iron bark tree. In the prosperous days of Mulliner's it had been placed there by the diggers as a receptacle for letters, and its location saved the mailman a long detour to their camp. At present poor loving Kate Channing and Dick Haughton were the only persons who ever looked into it. After getting the station letters from the landlord of the Booming Nugget Kate would ride through the bush and come out on the track just opposite. Then, bending down from her horse, she would peer eagerly into the tin to see if a letter had been left there for her. Generally there was not. So, with a sad, wistful look in her blue eyes, she would drop her own tenderly worded letter in and ride away home.

Twice Nell Lawson had seen her passing over the ridge toward the old workings, and had wondered what had taken her so far off the road, and on each of these occasions she had seen Dick Haughton follow in the same direction shortly after. He was never away more than half an hour. The first time she simply wondered, the next she grew suspicious, and as she saw him returning went and stopped him. As she threw her arms around his neck she felt the rustling of a letter that lay loosely in the front of the dungaree jumper he always wore when at work. She said nothing, but determined to watch, and one day, with the bitterest hatred gathering at her heart, she saw Kate Channing ride up to the tin on the iron bark, look carefully inside, and then drop in a letter. And as Nell Lawson could not read she let it lie there untouched. But from that hour murder lay in her passionate heart.

That evening, as she entered Bod Lawson's humpy, her husband, a big, heavy featured man, looked up and saw the ghastly pallor of her face.

"Why, what's the matter wi' 'ee, Nell? 'Ee be lookin quite sickloike lately. Tell 'ee what, Nell, 'ee wants a cheange."

"Mulliner's be a dull pleace," she answered mechanically.

"Aye, lass, dull as hell in a fog. Mebbe I'll take 'ee somewheres for a spell."

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For nearly another week she nursed her hatred and planned her revenge, and Haughton, as he saw the dark rings forming under her eyes, and the cold, listless manner as she went about her work, began to experience a higher phase of feeling for her than that of the mere passion which her beauty had first awakened in him long months before.

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It was 5 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. The fierce, blinding sun had just disappeared behind the hideous basalt range 20 miles away from the Big Surprise, when Nell Lawson put on her white sun hood and walked slowly toward the old alluvial workings. When well out of sight from any one near the battery, she turned off toward the creek and made for a big Leichhardt tree that stood on the bank. Underneath it and evidently waiting for her was a black fellow, a truculent looking runaway trooper named Barney.

"You got him that fellow, Barney?" she asked in a low voice.

"Yo ai," he replied, keeping one hand behind his back. "Where that plenty fellow money you yabber me yestreday?"

"Here," and she showed him some silver; "10 fellow shilling."

Barney grinned, took the money and then handed her an old broken handled crockery teapot, which, in place of a lid, was covered over with a piece of ti-tree bark, firmly secured by a strip of dirty calico.

As soon as the black fellow had gone she picked up that which he had given her and walked quickly along the track till she reached the old mail tin. She stood awhile and listened. Not a sound disturbed the heated, oppressive silence. Placing the teapot on the ground, she lifted the stiff, creaking lid of the tin and pushed it well back. Then, taking up the teapot again, she placed one hand firmly upon the ti-tree bark covering the top, while with the other she unfastened the strip of rag that kept it in position. In another moment, grasping the broken spout in her left hand, she held it over the open tin, and with a rapid motion turned it upside down and whipped away her right hand from the piece of bark.

Something fell heavily against the bottom of the tin, and in an instant she slammed down the lid and threw the empty teapot in among the bowlders, where it smashed to pieces. Then, an evil smile on her dark face, she placed her ear to the side of the tin and listened. A faint creeping, crawling sound was all she heard. In another minute, with hand pressed tightly against her wildly beating heart, she fled homeward.

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"This will be my last ride over, dear Ted," was the beginning of the letter to Ballantyne that lay in Kate Channing's bosom. "Father is very ill, and I cannot leave him. Do let me tell him and ask his forgiveness. It is so miserable for me to keep up this deceit."

Darkness had set in by the time she had got the mail from the landlord of the Booming Nugget and turned her horse's head into the track that led over the ridge to the old workings.

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Two hours before daylight Kate Channing's horse walked riderless up to the slip rails of Calypso Downs, and the stockman who had kept awake awaiting her return went out to let his young mistress in.

"Got throwed somewhere, I suppose," he grumbled after examining the horse. "This is a nice go. It's no use telling the old man about it. He's too sick to be worried just now anyway."

Taking a black boy with him and leading Kate's horse he set out to look for her, expecting, unless she was hurt, to meet her somewhere between the station and Mulliner's Camp. Just as daylight broke the black boy who was leading stopped.

"Young missus been tumble off horse here." And he pointed to where the scrubby undergrowth on one side of the track was crushed down and broken as if by a fall.

The stockman nodded. "Horse been shy, I think it, Billy, at that old fellow postoffice there." And he pointed to the old mail tin, which was not ten feet from where Billy said she had fallen off.

"Go ahead, Billy," said the stockman. "I believe young missus not catch him horse again, and she walk along to Mulliner's."

"Yo ai," answered the black boy, and he started ahead. In a few minutes he stopped again with a puzzled look and pointed to Kate Channing's tracks.

"Young missus been walk about all same drunk."

"By jingo! She's got hurted, I fear," said the stockman. "Push ahead, Billy!"

A hundred yards farther on they found her dead, lying face downward on the track.

Lifting her cold, stiffened body in his arms the stockman carried his burden along to Ballantyne's house. Haughton met him at the door. Together they laid the still figure upon the sofa in the front room, and then, while the stockman went for Nell Lawson, Haughton went to Ballantyne's bunk and awoke and told him. His mouth twitched nervously for a second or two, and then his hard, impassive nature asserted itself again.

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"'Tis a terrible thing this, Ballantyne," said Haughton sympathetically as they walked out together to see the place where she had been thrown.

"Yes," assented the other, "dreadful. Did you hear what Channing's black boy told me?"

"No."

"He says that she has died from snake bite. I believe him too. I saw a boy die on the Etheridge from snake bite, and he looked as she does now. Besides that there is not a scratch or bruise on her body, so she couldn't have received any hurt unless it was an internal one when she was thrown. Here's the place." And then he started back, for, lying at the foot of the tree, was the panting, trembling figure of Nell Lawson.

She had tried to get there before them to efface all traces of her deadly work.

"What are you doing here, Mrs. Lawson?" said Ballantyne sharply. "We sent over for you. Don't you know what has happened?"

The strange, hysterical "Yes" that issued from her pallid lips caused Ballantyne to turn his keen gray eyes upon her intently. Then something of the truth must have flashed across his mind, for he walked up to the tree and looked into the tin.

"Good God!" he said. "Poor little woman!" And then he called to Haughton, "Come here and see what killed her."

Haughton looked, and a deadly horror chilled his blood. Lying in the bottom of the tin was a thick, brownish red death adder. It raised its hideous, flatted head for a moment, then lowered it and lay there regarding them with its deadly eye.

"How did it get there?" he asked.

Ballantyne pointed to Nell Lawson, who now stood leaned against a tree for support.

Haughton sprang to her side and seized her hands.

"Are you a murderess, Nell? What had she done to you that you should take her innocent life? She was nothing to me—she was Ballantyne's wife."

She looked at him steadily, and her lips moved; then a shrill, horrible laugh burst forth, and she fell unconscious at his feet.

That day Haughton left Mulliner's camp forever.

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Perhaps this story should have another ending and Nell Lawson have met with a just retribution. But, as in the case of many other women—and men—with natures such as hers, she did not, for when old Channing lay dying she nursed him tenderly to the last, and perhaps because of this, or for that he could never understand why blue eyed Kate had never come back, he left her all he had, much to the wondering admiration of honest, dull witted Bob, her husband, who, almost immediately after the old man's death, when returning home one night from the Booming Nugget, filled with a great peace of mind and a considerable quantity of bad rum, fell down a shaft and broke his neck after the manner of one of old Channing's bullocks—and then she married Ballantyne.

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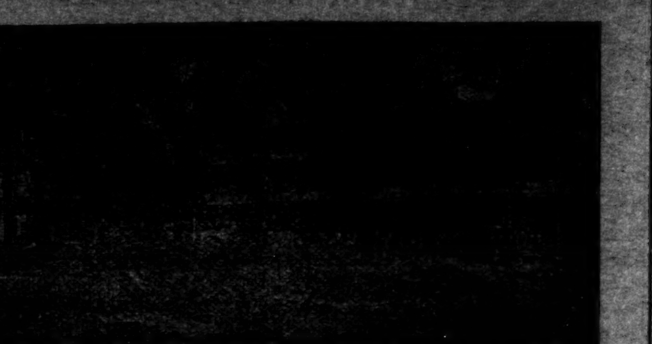

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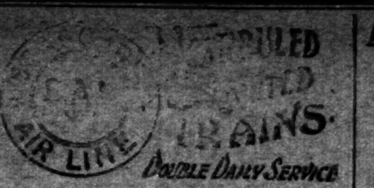

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Train 41—Leaves Wilmington 3:20 p. m., leaves Lumberton 5:15 p.m., Pembroke 5:35 p. m., Maxton 6:12 p. m., Laurinburg 6:22 p. m., Hamlet 6:38 p. m., Wadesboro 8.11 p. m., Monroe 9:12 p. m., Charlotte 10:25 p. m. Connects at Monroe with train 41 for Atlanta, and and at Hamlet with train 402 for Portsmouth, Richmond, Washington and points North.

Train 41—Leaves Portsmouth 9:20 a. m., leaves Weldon 11:50 a. m., Raleigh 3:40 p. m., Sanford 5:05 p. m. Hamlet 6:55 p m., Athens 3:43 a. m., and Atlanta 6:20 a. m.

Train 403—Leaves Washington 4:40 p. m., Richmond 8:56 p. m., Portsmouth 8:45 p. m leaves Weldon 11:28 p. m., Raleigh 3:16 a. m., Sanford 3:35 a. m., Hamlet 5:07 a. m., Rockingham 5:23 a m., Wadesboro 5:53 a. m., Monroe 6:43 a. m., Charlotte 7:50 a. m. Lincolnton 10:35 a m., Shelby 11:37 a. m., Rutherfordton 12:50 noon, Athens 1:13 p. m., Atlanta 2:50 p m.

Train 38—Leaves Atlanta 7:50 p. m., Athens 11:12 p. m., Monroe 6:55 a. m. Leaves Charlotte 5;10 a. m., Monroe 5:55 a. m., Wadesboro 7:01 a m., Hamlet 8:00 a. m., Raleigh 11:25 a. m., Weldon 2:45 p. m.; arrive Portsmouth 5:20 p. m.

Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 8:20 a. m. Arrives Laurinburg 8:46 a. m., Maxton 9.05 a. m., Pembroke 9:31 a. m., Lumberton 9:53 a. m., Wilmington 12.05 noon.

Train 402—Leaves Atlanta 12:00 m. leaves Athens 3:13 p. m., Monroe 9:40 p. m. Leaves Rutherfordton 4:35 p. m., arrives Shelby 5:55 p. m., Lincolnton 6:56 p. m., Charlotte 8:28 p. m., Monroe 9:40 p. m., Wadesboro 10:31 p. m., Rockingham 11:15 p. m., Hamlet 11:15 p. m., Sanford 1:03 a. m., Raleigh 2:16 a. m., Weldon 4:55 a. m., Portsmouth 7:25 a. m., Richmond 8:20 a. m., Washington 12:31 noon.

Train 18—Leaves Hamlet 7:15 p. m., arrives Gibson 8:10 p. m. Returning, leaves Gibson 6:50 a. m., arrives Hamlet 7:40 a. m.

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Leave Fayetteville	11 50 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	11 54 "
Leave Sanford	1 58 P. M.
Leave Climax	3 10 "
Arrive Greensboro	3 40 "
Leave Greensboro	3 50 "
Leave Stokesdale	4 37 "
Leave Walnut Cove	5 07 "
Leave Rural Hall	5 36 "
Arrive Mt. Airy	7 00 "

SOUTH BOUND	No. 1 DAILY.
Leave Mt Airy	8 45 A. M
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Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Greensboro	11 55 "
Leave Greensboro	12 13 P. M
Leave Climax	12 43 "
Leave Sanford	2 30 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	3 49 "
Arrive Fayetteville	3 52 "
Leave Fayetteville	4 02 "
Arrive Wilmington	7 05 "

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Leave Bennettsville	8 00 A. M.
Arrive Maxton	9 03 "
Leave Maxton	9 07 "
Leave Red Springs	9 35 "
Leave Hope Mills	10 20 "
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SOUTH BOUND.	No 3. DAILY.
Leave Fayetteville	4 33 P. M.
Leave Hope Mills	4 52 "
Leave Red Springs	5 35 "
Arrive Maxton	6 00 "
Leave Maxton	6 15 "
Arrive Bennettsville	7 15 "

NORTH BOUND.	No 16. Mixed Daily Ex Sunday.
Leave Ramseur	6 40 A. M
Leave Climax	8 30 "
Arrive Greensboro	9 17 "
Leave Greensboro	9 35 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 15 Mixed Daily Ex Sunday
Leave Madison	12 30 P. M
Leave Stokesdale	1 15 "
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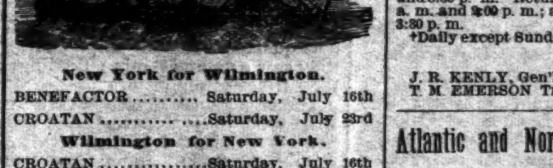

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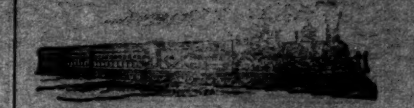

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DEPARTURES FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND.

DAILY 9.35 A. M. No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 10.46 a. m., Warsaw 11.14 a. m., Goldsboro 12:03 a. m., Wilson 12:49 p. m., Rocky Mount 1:30 p. m., Tarboro 2:31 p. m., Weldon 3.25 p. m., Petersburg 5:34 p. m., Richmond 6:40 p. m., Norfolk 5.35 p. m., Washington 11:30 p. m., Baltimore 1:03 a. m., Philadelphia 3:50 a. m., New York 6:53 a. m., †Boston 3:00 p. m.

DAILY 7.15 P. M. No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8:55 p. m., Warsaw 9:10 p. m., Goldsboro 10:10 p. m., Wilson 11.06 p. m., †Tarboro 6:45 a. m., Rocky Mount 11:57 p. m. Weldon 1:46 a. m., †Norfolk 10:15 a. m., Petersburg 3:14 a. m., Richmond 4 a. m., Washington 7:41 a. m., Baltimore 9:02 a. m., Philadelphia 11:25 a. m., New York 2.03 p. m., Boston 9:00 p. m.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4:13 p. m., Newbern 5:40 p. m.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 3.45 P. M. No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4:56 p. m., Chadbourn 5:28 p. m., Marion 6:34 p. m., Florence 7:15 p. m., Sumter 9:33 p. m., Columbia 10:50 p. m., Denmark 6:12 a. m., Augusta 7:55 a. m., Macon 11:15 a. m., Atlanta 12:35 p. m., Charleston 10:50 p. m., Savannah 1:50 a. m., Jacksonville 7:30 a. m., St. Augustine 10:30 a. m., Tampa 6:05 p. m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.40 P. M. No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.05 p. m., *New York 9 00 p. m., Philadelphia 12:05 a m., Baltimore 2:50 a. m., Washington 4:30 a. m., Richmond 9:05 a. m., Petersburg 10:00 a. m., Norfolk 9:10 a. m., Weldon 11:50 a. m., Tarboro 12:29 p. m., Rocky Mount 1:10 p. m., Wilson 2:20 p. m., Goldsboro 3:05 p. m., Warsaw 2:59 p. m., Magnolia 4.12 p. m.

DAILY 9.30 A. M. No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9:30 a. m., Philadelphia 12:09 p. m., Baltimore 2:25 p. m., Washington 3:46 p. m., Richmond 7:30 p. m., Petersburg 8:12 p. m., †Norfolk 2:20 p. m., Weldon 9:43 p. m., †Tarboro 6:00 p. m., Rocky Mount 5:40 a. m. Leave Wilson 6:22 a. m., Goldsboro 7:01 a. m., Warsaw 7.53 a. m., Magnolia 8:05 a. m.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9:00 a. m., Jacksonville 10:26 a. m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 12.20 P. M No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8:10 a. m., Sanford 3:07 p. m., Jacksonville 8:00 p. m., Savannah 1:45 a. m., Charleston 6:23 a. m., Columbia 5.45 a. m., Atlanta 7:50 a. m., Macon 9:00 a. m., Augusta 2:30 p. m., Denmark 4:15 p. m., Sumter 6:06 a. m., Florence 8:55 a. m., Marion 9:34 a. m., Chadbourn [illegible] a. m., Lake Waccamaw 11 [illegible] p. m.

*Daily except Sunday.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 4:15 p. m., Halifax 4:30 p. m.; arrive Scotland Neck 5:20 p. m., Greenville 6:57 p. m., Kinston 7:55 p. m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7:50 a. m., Greenville 8:52 a. m.; arriving Halifax at 11:18 a. m., Weldon 11:33 a. m. Daily except Sunday.

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Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 9.06 a. m., arrive Latta 9.24 a. m., Dillon 9.35 a. m., Rowland 9.50 a. m. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.00 p. m.; arrives Dillon 6.20 p. m., Latta 6.25 p. m., Pee Dee 7.00 p. m., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8:25 a. m., Chadbourn 10:43 a. m.; arrive Conway 12:40 p. m., leave Conway 2:45 p. m., Chadbourn 5:30 p. m.; arrive Hub 6:10 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6:05 p. m., Manning 6:35 p. m.; arrive Lane's 7:13 p. m.; leave Lane's 8:34 a. m., Manning 9:08 a. m.; arrive Sumter 9:37 a. m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 9:30 a. m., 7:40 p. m.; arrive Georgetown 12:00 m., 9:00 p. m.; leave Georgetown 7:00 a. m., 3:30 p. m.; arrive Lane's 8:25 a. m., 5:55 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday at 8:45 a. m.; arrive Darlington 9:18 a. m., Cheraw 10:30 a. m., Wadesboro 2:25 p. m.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 8:25 p. m.; arrive Darlington 8.50 p. m., Hartsville — p. m., Bennettsville 9:46 p. m., Gibson 10:10 p. m. Leave Florence Sunday only 8.50 a. m., arrive Darlington 9.20 a. m.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday at 6:25 a. m., Bennettsville 6:49 a. m.; arrive Darlington 7:40 a. m. Leave Darlington 7:45 a. m.; arrive Florence 8:10 a. m. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 3:00 p. m., Cheraw 3:15 p. m., Hartsville 2:15 a. m., Darlington 6.29 a. m.; arrive Florence 7:00 p. m. Leave Darlington Sunday only 7.50 a. m., arrive Florence 8.15 a. m.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2:17 p. m., 11:13 p. m.; arrive Selma 2.50 p. m., 11:58 p. m., Smithfield 3:02 p. m., Dunn 3:30 p. m., Fayetteville 4:25 p. m., 1:07 a. m., Rowland 6:00 p. m.; returning leave Rowland 9.50 a. m., Fayetteville 11:10 a. m., 10:35 p. m., Dunn 11:50 p. m., Smithfield 12:28 p. m., Selma 12:35 p. m. and 11:44 p. m., arrive Wilson 1:17 p. m., 12:19 a. m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad trains leave Sumter 4:29 a. m., Creston 5:17 a. m.; arrive Denmark 6:12 a. m. Returning leave Denmark 4:17 p. m., Creston 5:13 p. m., Sumter 6:33 p. m., Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5:45 a. m.; arrive Pregnalls 9:15 a. m. Returning, leaves Pregnalls 10:00 a. m.; arrives Creston 3:50 p. m Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliot 11:10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; arrive Lucknow 1:00 p. m and 8:30 p. m. Returning, leave Lucknow 6:05 a. m. and 2:00 p. m.; arrive Elliot 8:25 a. m. and 3:30 p. m.

†Daily except Sunday. *Sunday only.

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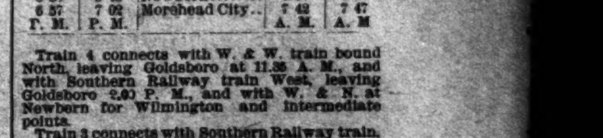

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Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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SUNDAY MORNING, JULY 24, 1898.

YELLOW FEVER AT SANTIAGO

The Situation Not Alarming Though There Are Many Sick—The Death Record.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—At midnight the War Department made public the following dispatch from Gen. Shafter, regarding the yellow fever situation:

"*Santiago de Cuba, July 23.*—The following men died at the yellow fever hospital at Siboney to-day: Jack Dongan, civilian; Bert Lewis, bandsman, Seventh infantry; Private Frederick A. Percival, Company F, Thirty-third Michigan. On the 21st, Sergeant J. Brittin, Troop G, First cavalry; Wm. J. Howe, teamster; Patrick Sullivan, Company E, Seventh infantry.

No deaths have been reported as yet. Complete report will be sent in this morning. The situation is not alarming, though there are many sick with fever, about 1500 (the exact number will be given in the morning.) Only a small part of these sick are down with yellow fever, about 10 per cent; 150 in all. Slight changes of all the troops have been made to get them on fresh grounds and the artillery and cavalry have been moved about three miles.

(Signed) "SHAFTER,
"Major General commanding."

SPANIARDS AT GUANTANAMO

Shafter Reports Six Thousand Men There Glad to Accept Terms of Surrender.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—The War Department to-night received the following from Gen. Shafter:

"*Santiago de Cuba, July 23, 6:25 P. M.*—Colonel of Engineers of the Spanish army has just arrived from Guantanamo. He heard from the French consul there that Santiago had surrendered and that they had been included. Not crediting it he was sent here to verify the fact. They will be very glad to accept terms of surrender; very short of rations and shall have to begin feeding them at once. He tells me there are 6,000 men at that place. Am now feeding 6,000 well prisoners here and 1,500 sick in hospital. Expect 2,000 men in to-morrow from San Luis and Palmas. Will send an officer to-morrow or next day with one of Gen. Toral's to receive surrender at Guantanamo and then go to Baracao to receive surrender there. Think the number of prisoners will be fully up to the estimate, 22,000 or 23,000.

(Signed) "SHAFTER,"
"Maj. Gen. commanding."

THE TAX ON BROKERS.

Important Decision of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—In a decision made to-day the Commissioner of Internal Revenue holds that there is no provision in the new revenue act under which special tax can be held to be imposed on real estate agents, or on any person, or firm, for simply buying or selling real estate on commission, either for themselves or for others; also, that the law is aimed at a class of men known generally in the community as brokers, who (whether this is their sole occupation, or is merely done by them in connection with their other business) negotiate purchases or sales of stocks, bonds, etc., either for themselves or for others. The decision holds that a fair construction of the law does not make any man a broker, necessarily, who invests his surplus earnings in stocks, bonds, notes, etc., but does not negotiate purchases or sales thereof.

"A man is a broker under this act," it concludes, "who negotiates purchases or sales of stocks, bonds, notes, etc., in the course of business; and this applies to real estate agents, insurance agents, attorneys or any person or firm who, in connection with their profession or occupation, make it a regular part of their business to negotiate purchases of stock, bonds, notes, etc., either for themselves or others."

THE BLOCKADING SQUADRON.

A Spanish Sloop Captured By the Mangrove—Advices From Matanzas.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KEY WEST, July 23, 7 P. M.—The toredpo boat Cushing, which left here yesterday with dispatches for the blockading squadron, returned this evening bringing Lieutenant Colonel Rebalcava, of Brigadier General Rojas division, of the insurgent army, now operating in Matanzas province. Col. Rebalcava left here about a week ago on the tug Uncas with a small expedition carrying a quantity of rifles, food and clothing. A landing was effected without difficulty.

On Thursday last the Mangrove captured the Spanish sloop Aguldita off Boca De Saugua, fifteen miles from Crus Del Padro. The sloop carried a crew of four men who, at the sight of the approaching gunboat, leaped overboard and swam to the shore. The Aguldita's cargo consisted of dye wood, a small lot of food supplies and twenty-five dollars in Spanish silver. She will be brought here by the Uncas to-morrow.

TO JOIN GEN. MILES.

Several of the Volunteer Regiments Now at Tampa.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—The announcement is made at the War Department that three, and possibly five, of the volunteer regiments now at Tampa will be sent to join Gen. Miles at Porto Rico. One regiment is expected to stay at Tampa and the remainder will be assigned to Fernandina. The volunteer organizations now at Tampa include the Second New York, Fifth Maryland, Third Pennsylvania, 157th Indiana, First Ohio, Fifth Ohio, First Florida, Sixty-ninth New York, Third Ohio and Second Georgia.

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Record of Games Played Yesterday by the Clubs.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

Brooklyn—Brooklyn, 3; Boston, 4.
Philadelphia-Philadelphia, 6; Washington, 2.
New York—New York, 8; Baltimore, 0.
Pittsburg-Pittsburg, 2; Cincinnati, 3.
Cleveland-Cleveland, 4; Chicago, 2.

NAVAL COMBAT IN NIPE HARBOR.

American Warships Silenced Three Forts and Sank a Gunboat.

AFTER FIERCE ENGAGEMENT.

The Harbor Mined—Two of the Mines Exploded—None of the American Ships Sustained Loss or Injury.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KEY WEST, FLA., July 23, 11:50 A. M.—Acting under orders from Rear Admiral Sampson four American warships on Thursday afternoon last entered the harbor of Nipe on the northeast coast of the province of Santiago de Cuba, and after a furious bombardment took possession of the harbor as a base of operations for the Porto Rico campaign. It is understood, however, that the plans have been changed since in consequence of the occupation of Santiago by the United States forces and that Nipe will not be used for the purpose originally intended. The vessels engaged were the Topeka, Annapolis, Wasp, and Leyden. In the course of an hour they

Silenced Three Forts,

sunk the Spanish gunboat Jorge Juan (not the Juan Jorge as before reported) and scattered Spanish riflemen who had taken part in the engagement.

The channel leading into the harbor was very narrow, and on a bluff to the right, called Gallory Point, was a fort and signal station. As the American ships entered the Spaniards were signalling in a lively fashion with a blue ball and flag, apparently notifying the Spanish ships in the harbor, which were the Jorge Juan, two smaller gunboats and an armored launch. As the Wasp and Leyden rounded the point, the fort fired a dozen shots, none of which, however, fell near them and the Topeka returned the fire with her three-pounder.

Almost immediately the Spaniards deserted the fort and ran, while the Topeka continued to send shells into them. A body of riflemen on the beach returned the fire with a few wild shots, but they, too, were quickly dispersed by the Topeka's smaller guns. The Topeka also discharged two torpedoes. At the same time another small fort to the left of the channel fired on the American ships, but it was silenced as easily as the other. In the meantime the Wasp and Leyden had taken up a position in the northwestern portion of the harbor and opened fire across the water at the Jorge Juan, which lay to the southwest, in front of the town of Mayari. Her position was about a mile and a quarter from the beach and behind her a third fort stood on an eminence. This fort opened fire on the Wasp and Leyden, and as the Annapolis and Topeka came up the Spanish gunboat joined in the fight and a general battle followed.

Sinking the Spaniard.

The Topeka anchored in the middle of the harbor about 4,000 yards from the Jorge Juan and the other three American boats drew up on either side and formed a semi-circle. They then closed in on the Spanish ship, pouring a destructive fire at her and the fort beyond. The Topeka sent four-inch shells crashing into the Jorge Juan at such a rate than she sank within twenty minutes.

When the firing became heavy the officers and crew of the Spaniard put off in small boats and made for the shore under a heavy fire, and escaped into the woods. Shots from the Topeka's bow gun, fired on an elevation of 4,500 yards, dropped square into Mayari fort, the Spanish pennant disappeared and a white flag was run up. This ended a short, but one of the most vicious battles of the war.

All the American ships sent small boats over to the Spanish gunboat. They found that the Jorge Juan's forecastle had been entirely nipped away by the Topeka's four-inch shells and that her fore and mizzen masts and flagstaff were carried off. It is thought the Spanish scuttled her before abandoning the vessel. Divers were sent down and quite a curious collection of relics was found. One was the ship's motto: "Be brave and you will go home to Spain." Four or five cats, still alive, were clinging to the wreckage, and one dog, which had been chained to the deck, was drowned. That part of the rigging which protruded from the water swarmed with rats who attempted to renew the battle with the Americans, but were driven into the sea.

The Harbor Mined.

The harbor was found to be well mined and two of the mines exploded, one about 100 yards off the Topeka's bow and the other 200 yards from her port quarter. As the ships came out they saw a contact mine floating on the surface of the water.

The engagement was hardly over when the torpedo boat Dupont came along with dispatches from Rear Admiral Sampson for Commodore Remey, and the Topeka was sent with them to Key West, arriving this morning. She had borne the brunt of the fight and bore herself nobly. Her captain is Wm. S. Cowles, a brother-in-law of Col. Theodore Roosevelt.

The Jorge Juan was a three-masted, one-funnel ship, of 960 tons and 1100 horse-power. She was 320 feet long, 35 feet wide and 12 feet draft. She carried a crew of 146 men and had 130 tons of coal. Her battery was heavier than the Topeka's, the biggest of the four attacking American ships, consisting of three 4.7 Hontorias, two 2.8 Krupp guns and two machine guns.

Nipe harbor is twenty miles long and ten miles wide. It is surrounded by mountains and is admirably adapted as a base for any campaign.

The Topeka on her way into this port passed the Terror, Puritan and Montgomery heading for Nipe.

THE GARCIA LETTER.

It is Not Clear That the General Ever Saw It.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, July 23.—It now turns out that the letter alleged to have been addressed by General Garcia to General Shafter, complaining of the treatment accorded the Cubans and advising General Shafter of Gen. Garcia's resignation, was prepared by a newspaper correspondent named Arms, who had been acting on the staff of General Castillo. It is not clear that General Garcia ever saw the letter.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

MILES' EXPEDITION TO PORTO RICO.

Expected to Be in Sight of the Landing Points By This Morning.

MORE TROOPS ON THE WAY.

The War Department Without Report From Shafter Upon Recent Events Near Santiago—Reserve Camps for Troops Secured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—Gen. Miles' expedition, in all probability, is now in the Mona Passage, between Hayti and Porto Rico and will be in sight of the landing point in the morning. While this is the expectation of Secretary Alger, for prudential reasons the War Department declines to make any comment as to the accuracy of the various guesses that have been made in the effort to ascertain just what point has been selected for the landing place. There is likely to be a lapse of a day or two between the arrival of the expedition and the notification of the fact to the department, unless some merchant vessel crossing to St. Thomas should sight the American flotilla. After that, however, the department will be in the closest communication with Gen. Miles, for it will possess itself of a cable connecting Gen. Mile's headquarters directly with the department. Some part of the Porto Rico expedition has been delayed for a few days beyond the dates fixed for their departure, but in view of the difficulties of handling large bodies of men and supplies for them, this is not surprising. Thus Schwan's troops got away only to-day from Tampa, though it was believed they started yesterday, while the most numerous detachment of the whole expedition, the first division under Gen. Brooke, will not be able to clear from Newport News before Monday. Still, it is believed that they will arrive at Porto Rico in good season and it will certainly facilitate an orderly and comfortable landing of the troops to have them land in detachments instead of in one vast army as in the case of Shafter's army at Santiago.

No Reports from Shafter.

Doubt is cast upon reports of recent exciting events among the Cubans at or near Santiago owing to the failure of Gen. Shafter to make any report upon them and inasmuch as he has made less important subjects matter for dispatches it is hard to understand why he should fail to mention an event of such importance as the reported attack by Garcia upon Spanish troops on their way to surrender to Shafter. There was no health report received from Shafter to-day, but so far from being discouraging, this is believed to indicate the continuance of the improved conditions reported yesterday and the day before as to the health of the camp.

The War Department is now, while keeping a close eye upon Gen. Miles' expedition, looking with interest for detailed mail reports from Gen. Shafter telling of the engagement preceding and leading up to the surrender of Santiago. It was reported to-day that Col. J. J. Astor, of Gen. Shafter's staff, was due in Washington, bringing with him the full capitulation papers, signed by the commissioners, and it was expected that Gen. Shafter's preceding reports would accompany them. However, up to the close of office hours to day which, to the relief of the hardworked clerks, was 3 o'clock for the first time in months, the officer had not appeared and the department does not know where he is.

Some official papers have come from Sampson, but to the great disappointment of Navy Department officials the reports closed on the day before the famous naval battle. Some points of interest contained in them will be given to the public in the course of a day or two, but they will relate only to several fights between the squadron and the shore batteries.

Reserve Camps to be Formed.

It is the purpose of the War Department to begin at once the execution of the plans devised by Secretary Alger for the creation of reserve camps, and boards of staff officers are now engaged in various localities looking after suitable camp sites and making the preliminary arrangements for acquiring the right to use these places and arranging for water supplies. The intention is not to be caught through any contingency with large numbers of troops at central points in the midst of an epidemic of any kind, with no place to move them. It was for this reason that Fernandina was selected some time ago as one of these reserve camps, and within the last two days the value of this policy has been amply justified, as otherwise there would have been no suitable place to which to remove the troops from Tampa. One of the reserve camps is likely to be located in the valley of the Potomac, about forty miles above Washington, and will be very convenient for the reception of troops from Camp Alger in case it is deemed necessary for the health of the soldiers to remove them.

The State Department to-day completed the endorsement of the joint resolution adopted by Congress, extending the thanks of that branch of the government to Admiral Dewey for his notable achievements in the Philippines. These were transmitted to the Navy Department, which will forward them to the admiral, along with the degree of L.L. D. conferred on him by the University of Pennsylvania.

TROOPS LEAVE TAMPA.

Five Transports Sail For Porto Rico With Artillery and Infantry.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—The War Department to-night received the following:

"*Port Tampa, Fla., July 23.*—The transports Arcadia, Whitney, Miller, Flotilda, and Cherokee with Gen. Schwan headquarters, sailed between 10 and 12.30 o'clock to-day with two light batteries, Seventh artillery, one troop Second cavalry, two companies Eleventh infantry, full regiment Nineteenth infantry and two sections of the general pack train. The Mohawk which can easily overtake these boats, cannot sail before ten o'clock to-morrow. It will carry ten companies of the Eleventh infantry, about 600 pack animals, the brigade ambulance train, and Red Cross ambulance.

(Signed) "JOHN RODGERS,"
"Brig. Genl."

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THE DESTROYED SPANISH SHIPS.

Report of the Board of Survey That Examined the Remnant of Cervera's Fleet.

AMERICANS' FINE GUNNERY.

The Examination Dispelled Any Doubt That May Have Existed That the Maine Was Blown Up By An Outside Explosion.

Correspondence of the Associated Press.

OFF SANTIAGO DE CUBA, July 12.—"Any doubt that may have existed that the Maine was blown up by an outside explosion has been removed by the examination of the destroyed Spanish ships" said a member of the board of survey that examined the remnants of Admiral Cervera's fleet.

"Of four ships examined, three had been blown up by their magazines," he continued, "and of these one had every magazine exploded and torpedoes in addition; yet on none of them was there the same effect as that produced by the explosion on the Maine. There was no upheaval of the keel and little bulging of the plates except in the immediate vicinity of the explosion. The effect was nearly altogether upward, in some cases the protective deck being lifted, but outside of the springing of a few plates, the hulls were intact."

Well-aimed Shots.

The examination of the wrecks of the Spanish ships, three of which were burned and all their magazines exploded, was made, first, for the purpose of ascertaining the effect of American gunnery, and secondly, to find the effect of internal explosion. Both subjects bore upon the Maine incident, as noted above, and the awful effect of well aimed shots was demonstrated in the rapid sinking of the fleet. When it is remembered that the Almirante Oquendo and the Infanta Maria Teresa were both sunk within forty minutes of the time they left the entrance of Santiago harbor, the work of American gunners may well be considered as remarkable. The Almirante Oquendo was struck over fifty-five times and the Infanta Maria Teresa thirty-seven times, but by larger projectiles.

The record of the damages to these ships is one of great interest. The fight started at a range of 6,000 yards, or three miles. At 2,000 or 2,500 yards two torpedo boats and two cruisers were annihilated.

The Closest Fighting

was done at 1,100 and 1,000 yards by the Brooklyn and Vizcaya, with annihilating effect on the Spanish ship. But two projectiles larger than eight-inch struck a vessel, both of these, either twelve or thirteen-inch, being put through the Infanta Maria Teresa. The eight-inch, six-inch, five-inch and six-pounder projectiles did the bulk of the work and were frightfully destructive. Some idea of the effect can be obtained from a brief summary of the injuries to each ship as found by the examining board. The board had upon it such capable men as executive officer Rogers, of the Iowa; executive officer Mason, of the Brooklyn, an expert on the effect of shells on armor; Lieutenant Huesller, of the Texas, who has made some splendid improvements in gun firing on that ship, and Naval Constructor Hobson, of Merrimac fame, who has reputation for knowledge of ship construction. Briefly, these officers found: Cristobal Colon, battleship, first-class, with six inches of steel for protection, not only on the water line but around the six-inch guns. This ship was hit with large projectiles but six times, as it kept out of range nearly the whole time, passing behind the other ships for protection and finally making a run for it. The hits were made by the Brooklyn and Oregon. One 8-inch shell went into the port side of the ward room and left on the starboard side without exploding, but cleaned out everything in the room. A five-inch hit just above the armor belt and a six-inch struck her on the bow. None of the injuries was sufficient to put her out of action nor as serious as those received by the Brooklyn, at one time her sole antagonist. The assertion that the Brooklyn was overhauling her and that the Oregon's terrific 13-inch guns were shooting nearer and nearer and that escape was impossible, seems to be the correct solution of her surrender.

The Cruiser Vizcaya.

The Vizcaya, armored cruiser, is of the same class as the battleships Texas and Maine. She carried two 11.5-inch guns and ten 5.5-inch guns with protections ten and twelve inches thick, double and treble that of the Brooklyn. This ship was the special prey of the Brooklyn and the Oregon, although the Texas, after her destructive work on the Almirante Oquendo and Teresa, added a little at long range. The Vizcaya, exclusive of one-pounders and rapid fire hits which swept her deck, was hit with large projectiles fourteen times and by six-pounders eleven times. The 8-inch guns on the Oregon and 5-inch on the Brooklyn tore her structure above the armor belt into shreds, while the 6-pounders and 1-pounders made it too warm for men to stand at the guns. The Texas got in a few 6-inch shots and the Iowa landed a couple of 4-inch shells. No 13 or 12-inch shells struck her.

The Infanta Maria Teresa.

the flagship, of the same build as the Vizcaya, was badly punished, and was the only one of the four ships hit by twelve or thirteen-inch projectiles. She has two of that size clean through her and the position of one would tend to demonstrate that it was fired by the Texas. An eight-inch shell, undoubtedly from the Brooklyn, because she was the only ship in line with the Maria Teresa's head as she turned west, entered just forward of the beam on the port side and exploding inside cleaned out the deck with four guncrews. This is the shot that Cervera said came from the Brooklyn and set fire to the ship. The Teresa's great difficulty and one that compelled her hurried surrender, was that all her fire mains were cut and she was unable to extinguish the fires that were driving her men from the guns.

The Almirante Oquendo,

an armored cruiser, of the same class as the Vizcaya and Teresa, went through the most terrible ordeal of any of the ships, except the torpedo boats. Her upper works were one ragged mass of cut up steel and her decks were covered with dead and dying. She was hit on the port side four times by eight-inch shells, three times by four-inch shells, probably from the Iowa, two times by six-inch and forty-two times by six-pounders. The innumerable number of one-pounders that struck her show that she met the fire of the entire fleet as she turned, last, away from the torpedo boats that followed her, and the secondary battery shots intended for them hit her. One of the findings of the board of surven was that an eight-inch shell had strucy the forward deck just where the guk opening was, and that every man in the turret was killed, the officers standing in the firing-hold being still in that position.

PRESIDENT M'KINLEY.

Letter to Gen. Gordon in Response to Resolutions Adopted by the Confederate Veterans' Association.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—President McKinley has sent the following letter to Gen. John B. Gordon, in response to the resolutions adopted by the Confederate Veterans Association' in session at Atlanta.

Executive Mansion, Washington, July 23, 1898.—Hon. J. B. Gordon, commander-in-chief, United Confederate Veterans, Atlanta, Ga.—Dear General Gordon—Your recent telegram in behalf of the United Confederate Veterans was very welcome and I would have written to you before in acknowledgement, excepting for the unusual demands upon my time.

The present war has certainly served one very useful purpose in completely obliterating the sectional lines drawn in the last one. The response to the nation's call to arms has been equally spontaneous and patriotic in all parts of the country. Veterans of the grey as well as of the blue, are fighting side by side, winning equal honor and renown. Their brave deeds and the unequalled triumphs of our army and navy have the gratitude of the people of the United States. To have such a hearty commendation from yourself and your colleagues in the work of this administration in the conduct of the war, and the pledge of whatever support may be needed to help in bringing it to a successful completion, is indeed most gratifying, and I thank you especially for the frank and cordial expression of the resolutions passed and forwarded to me.

With very kind regards, I am sincerely yours,

WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

TO ANNUL THE CONTRACT.

Suit Brought Against the Spanish Company Engaged to Transport the Santiago Prisoners to Spain.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, July 23.—George Osgood Lord to-day brought suit in the Supreme Court against the Campanie Trans-Atlantic Espaniola, J. M. Bellios, agent, who, in behalf of the Spanish line, made the bid for transporting 25,000 defeated Dons from Santiago to Spain at $55 for officers and $20 for enlisted men. The suit is to annul the contract the Quartermaster's Department made with the enemy's steamship line. The ground for the suit is that the contract is against public policy, and gives aid and comfort to an enemy of the United States. Technically Mr. Lord sues for $100,000 damages, but the real object is to secure the annulment of the contract.

PEOPLE'S PARTY.

The National Convention Called to Meet in Cincinnati Will Not be Held.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, July 23.—The *Times-Star* of to day says: "The National Convention of the People's Party, called to assemble in Cincinnati, September 5th, 1898, is off, and the gathering of "middle-of-the-road" and affiliated Populists will not get beyond a call. Several States had held conventions and selected delegates. Maine had chosen five leading Populists as delegates. Other States had responded to the Omaha call. Even Georgia had broken away from Senator M. C. Butler. But Texas would not, and this broke the backbone of the straight Populist movement.

ADMIRAL CAMARA'S FLEET.

It is Said Now to be at Carthagena—A Gathering of War Ships.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

GIBRALTAR, July 23.—Admiral Camara's fleet is said now to be at Carthagena.

A French squadron is reported to be cruising between the Canary Islands and the Cadiz coast.

The British battleship Illustrious will sail from Gibraltar for Tangier on Tuesday, supposedly to represent England at the gathering of warships occasioned by the expected coming of the American squadron under Commodore Watson.

FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

General Otis With Troops Sails From San Francisco.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 23.—The transport steamer Rio Janeiro, bearing two battalions of South Dakota volunteers, recruits for the Utah light artillery, and a detachment of the Signal Corps, sailed for Manila. The expedition will be under command of Brigadier Gen. O. G. Otis, who has stated that he will make all possible speed to join the United States forces in the Philippine Islands. The Rio will stop at Honolulu to take on fresh supplies and refill her coal bunkers.

WILL DEFEND PORTO RICO.

Spaniards at San Juan Making Extensive Preparations.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

ST. THOMAS, July 23.—The Spaniards at San Juan de Porto Rico are making extensive preparations to resist an anticipated attack upon the part of the United States warships which are understood to be convoying the army of invasion commanded by Gen. Miles. There were no signs this morning of the American warships or transports; but news of them is expected shortly.

A FALSE STATEMENT.

That North Carolina Has Not Raised Its Quota of Troops.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—Governor Russell, of North Carolina, in a dispatch to the Associated Press, denies the accuracy of the statement by the War Department that North Carolina has been slow in offering volunteers and has not raised its quota of troops, as called for in the President's two proclamations. He adds: "Our three regiments were organized promptly, and large numbers have been offered in excess of quota."

The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Surplus reserve decreased $6,335,825; loans decreased $4,907,600; specie decreased $3,124,900; legal tenders decreased $1,343,300; deposits decreased $16,457,500; circulation decreased $104,500. The banks now hold $44,522,200 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent. rule.

THE SITUATION IN MADRID.

Conditions Critical and Authorities Devoting All Their Attention to Preventing a Revolution.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, July 24.—A special dispatch from Madrid says that such reticence regarding the intentions of the Government is observed that Senor Sagasta, the prime minister, Senor Gamazo, minister of public instruction, and Duke Almodevar De Rio, minister of foreign affairs, have ceased to inform their colleagues of the progress of negotiations, merely stating that there is nothing further to report.

Merchants and others having Cuban interests assert that their correspondents write that all seem to prefer the annexation of Cuba to the United States to independence, fearing the vengeance of the separatists if the Americans do not remain to protect life and property.

Senor Dupuy De Lome says the split between the Americans and the insurgents offers the best opportunity for peace that has occurred since the destruction of Admiral Cervera's fleet.

LONDON, July 24.—The correspondent of the *Observer* says the condition of the government is now most critical and that the authorities are devoting all their attention to preventing a revolution and safeguarding the dynasty. The government offers the 8,000 officers of the army in Cuba employment immediately upon their return to Spain with the object of removing their opposition to the establishment of peace.

WARM WIRELETS.

Jimmy Michael beat Tom Linton by 150 yards in a twenty-five mile paced race at Manhattan Beach yesterday. Time 46 minutes 3-5 seconds.

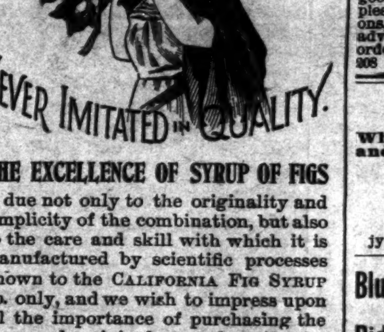
The United States hospital ship Relief arrived at New York quarantine yesterday from Siboney, with 125 sick and wounded officers and soldiers on board.

The transport Whitney sailed yesterday from Tampa for Porto Rico and several others were ready and expected to go, but orders did not come for them to leave.

One hundred and thirteen Klondikers arrived at Victoria yesterday on the steamer Garonne. The most conservative estimate places the amount of gold they brought at half a million dollars.

An order was received at Camp Alger yesterday directing that the five troops of cavalry stationed with Gen. Graham's command, proceed to Porto Rico as rapidly as possible. The command will take their horses and be fully equipped. There are 530 men in all.

Lewis Warner, the defaulting president and treasurer, respectively, of the Hampshire county national bank and the Hampshire savings bank of Northampton, Mass., and for whose capture a reward of $1,000 is offered, was arrested yesterday in Louisville, Ky. Warner embezzled upwards of $640,000.



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Comet Star will give a Grand Excursion to Newbern, August 8th. The Captain has been up to see the backer. Excursion will go through. Train leaves Front street depot at 8 o'clock A. M. One dollar for the round trip; returning at 11 o'clock P. M. A. Jones, Chairman. jy 24 1t

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